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THE Hall Line steamer Winsow Hall, 2,138 tons, Captain J S Meria, will sail to-day for Calcutta in ballast.

THE steamer Mazagon, 3,279 tons, Captain C E Hodgson, arrived in harbour on Monday from Karachi, with a general cargo.

THE Hansa Line steamer Werdenfels, 2,810 tons, Captain J Reiter, arrived in harbour on Monday from Hamburg with a general cargo.

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Alcama ... 2341 Morgan ... Graham & Co
Braziliana ... 2128 ... Tambiyn Cory Bros Co
Omrah ... 762 Hirst ... M M & Co
Hoosinee ... 904 Jenkins ... Bisgrob ... B & P S N Co
Hilda ... 719 Salvesen ... F F Campbell & Co
Ipswich ... 515 Pelling ... Shah S N Co
Hinda ... 3298 Alton ... M M & Co
Kasara ... 994 Chappell ... M M & Co
Lantara ... 2157 Austin ... M M & Co
Nadir ... 3041 Corkhill ... T Morrison & Co
Maragon ... 2279 Hodgson ... P & O Co
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Southend ... 2992 Thomas ... Bombay Co
Widow Hall ... 2139 Meria ... K Nixon & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK—Nov. 25.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
B Clan Sinclair	3290	Oliver	Chittagon	28-11	F Matr & Co
C&R Trafford Hall	3436	Hood	Kobi	30-11	K Nixon & Co
F Shahieban	2906	Grant	Mauritius	28-11	Haji Hassum
G Nadori	1166	Gray	Mauritius	30-11	B & P S N Co
H Morocco			Boxhall	Hull	2-12	F Muir & Co
K Yetorofu Maru	3068	Sato Kobe		27-11	N Y Kaisha
M Sealda	2438	Brown	Jeddah	26-11	M M & Co
N Farringford	2278	Chaplin	Baltimore	9-11	R A Wills
P Umzumbi	2744	Mitchell	Dunkirk	28-11	W & A G & Co
Q Kaiser	1714	Moh	Durban	3-12	A Strandes

Offside M

Capri	2781	Belsito	Hongkong	17-12	F & B S N Co

H W P D

Kavgri	513	Villiji	Bengal	26-11	Bo S N Co
Sabarmati	524	Mohamad	Cochi	26-11	Bo S N Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

1 Morton Hall	3737	Prawse	Marseilles	27-11	K Nixon & Co
2 Chromis	3315	Haig	Liverpool	9-12	W & A G & Co
4 Westminster	2781	Duncombe	Liverpool	7-12	W & A G & Co
5 Ashanti	2186	Burrough	Natal		K Nixon & Co
6 Cuba	936	MacGuachlan	Antwerp	7-12	M M & Co
8 Africa	2565	Badcock	Marseilles	12-12	A L S N Co
10 & 11 Delhi	4781	Andrews	Shanghai	27-11	P & O Co
12 Marmora	9239	Weston	London	7-12	P & O Co

M W D D

Alavi	2334	Geddie		N F	B & P S N Co

ARRIVALS.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
28	Wiesenfels s	Reiter	Hamburg, Oct 19
	R I M S Northbrook	Rose	Calcutta, Nov 17
	Mazagon s	Hodgson	Karachi, Nov 23

DEPARTURES.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
25	Badria s	Born	Jedah
	Bulimba s	Tilling	Persian Gulf, &c

The steamer Wistow Hall, Meria, for Calcutta, obtained her portclearance yesterday.

The steamer Trafford Hall, for Karachi, began to load yester day :—

CALCUTTA

ARRIVALS.

Nov.	Vessels.	Names	From
21	Lama	E B Hirst	Rangoon
	Syriam	J Younger	Rangoon
	Florican	J Davis	Verawal
	Uia	W H Watkeys	Rangoon
	Ship Main	F Dent	New York

DEPARTURES.

22	Shahjehan	Capt Wright	Rangoon	
	City of Calcutta	J Wilson	London & Hull	
	Thorsels	J Jorgensen	Cape Ports	
	Ranee	W S Corran	Rangoon	

DAILY EXPORTS.—NOV. 25.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Circassia s—55 bales wool, H A Jaunmahomed ; 60 bale wool, L Hurbhum ; 900 cwt wheat sweeping, H Kanji ; 28 bales wool, The Bombay Company ; 16 bales wool, D Goolabehund ; 600 cwt wheat sweeping, H Kanji ; 348 cwt oil cake, New Mofussil Co ; 4 bales silk waste and 2 bales kakoou, Killeck Nixon and Co ; 191 bales wool, T Chimondas ; 860 bales cotton, Raili Bros ; 11 bales wool, D Goolabehund ; 6,000 cwts myrabollams G Madhowjee and Co.

FOR BARCELONA.

Circassia s—100 bales cotton, Volkart Bros ; 110 bales cotton, A Moritz and Co ; 50 bales cotton Glade and Co.

FOR MANCHESTER.

Circassia s—25 bales twist, Elphinstone Mill.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Merton Hall s—1,980 cwt gingellyseed, J Fachiri ; 9,800 cwt mowrasseed, Ralli Bros.

Circassia s—2,450 cwt gingellyseed and 1,000 cwt mowrasseed, L Dreyfuss and Co ; 65 bales hemp, R Reeve and Co ; 5 bales cotton, P Vishram and Co ; 2,000 cwts castorseed, 6,180 cwts teelseed, Ralli Bros.

FOR GLASGOW.

Circassia s—8,000 cwt bone meal, E C Nanji ; 3,840 cwts myrabollams, G Madhowjee and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Umzumbi s—2,250 cwt rapeseed 1,607 cwt linseed, Ralli Bros ; 16 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co.

FOR HULL.

Morroco s—4,000 cwts cottonseed, G Madhowjee and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Chanda s—5,300 cwt mowrasseed Ralli Bros.

Culna s—1,000 tons manganese ore, Bamankua Manganese Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Africa s—174 bales cotton, Ralli Bros ; 157 cwt mother of pearl shell, M Jafferbhoy ; 406 cwt myrabollams, W Becher ; 15 cwt guts, A Meyer ; 4 bales cotton David Sassoon and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Africa s—114 bales cotton, Ralli Bros ; 55 bales cotton Glade and Co.

FOR ANCONA.

Africa s—5 bales twist, B Gorio and Co.

FOR ODESA.

Africa s—140 cwt turmeric P Soorji and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Delhi s—1 1/4 cwt genda horns Yue Lunx Hingki ; 78 cw sharkfins-fishmaws, M T Sulleman ; 18 1/2 chests opium C Bomonji and Co ; 40 chests opium C Ebrahim and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Delhi s—20 chests opium C. Ebrahim and Co ; 36 chests opium C Bomonji and Co.

Yetorofu Maru s—85 bales twist, Tata Sons and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Yetorofu Maru s—103 bales cotton, Japan Cotton Trading Co ; 110 bales cotton, Glazebrook Tajpal and Co ; 600 bales cotton Ralli Bros ; 310 bales cotton M B Kaisha.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Delhi s—2 cases perfumed oil, E Abdoolally ; 30 cwt gum, S D Karanjia and Co.

Yetorofu Maru s—200 bales cotton, Japan Cotton Trading Co.

FOR OSAKA.

Yetorofu Maru s—100 bales cotton, Japan Cotton Trading Co.

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Bombay, Nov. 26,

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II—"I" Coy Parade on Company parade ground at 4-15 p m;
III—School of Arms, at the Y M C Association at 7 p.m.
IV—Bugle Practice in rear of Skating rink at 8-30 p m
Wednesday the 27th—Commanding Officer's Parade. Fall in Sir Richard Temple's Statue at 6 p m
Dress—Drill order, Uniform, with Forage Caps.
Subject—Route March.
Thursday the 28th—Semaphore Drill in rear of Telegraph Quarters at 7 a.m.
II—"I," "K" and "M" Co's Parade on the Maidan at 4 p m.
Friday the 29th—School of Arms at the Y M C Association at 7 p.m.
II—All Recruits of the current season will parade at Head-Quarters at 7 p.m.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

BOMBAY MARKETS.

MONDAY EVENING.] [25TH NOVEMBER, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Money :—

The Bank of Bengal cash balance is Rs. 9 lakhs up.

Exchange :—

The market has been rather irregular to-day, and telegraphic has been quoted at rates varying from 1s. 3 11/16d. to 1s. 3 3/4d. There was a small enquiry for remittance at the higher rate and also at 1s. 3 13/16d. on demand which was occasionally available. Credits were generally quoted at 1s. 4 3/16d. 3 months' sight but not many bills were offered. Far Eastern rates are steadier.

We quote :—

T. T. on London ...	...1s. 3 11/16d. to 3/4d.
Demand Draft ...	...1s. 3 3/4d. to 13/16d.
Credits—3 months' sight	... 1s. 4 3/16d.
Do. 6 months' sight	... 1s. 4 13/32 d.
Do. 2 months' sight—Francs	170
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks.	120 3/4
Hongkong—30 days' sight ..	152
Yokohama—30 days' sight ...	150 1/2
Shanghai—30 days' sight ...	202

Government Paper :—

The market opened quiet at 95 7/8 for Cash and the Settlement fell 1/8 but afterwards recovering to 95 11/16 at which we close. There has not been much business done, but the tone at the close is steady. Calcutta rates are advised at 95 13/16 ready 95 11/16 for delivery forward in a month.

We quote :—

Cash	Rs. 95-11
1st Settlement	„ 95-11

Bullion :—

On Saturday bar silver in London improved 3/16 to 27 1/16 for ready and 1/8 to 27 19/16 for delivery in two months' forward. New York also was 1/8 up at 58 3/8. Locally there has been a steadier feeling in the market, ready bars opening up to 69 11/16 *ex* duty but they closed somewhat easier. Forward rates are given below. Bar Gold is steady.

We quote :—

	Rs.	a.	p.
English Bar Gold	24	4	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	3	0
Bombay Bar Gold	24	3	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	2	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	15	2	0
Silver *ex* Duty—Ready	69	9	0
Ditto 1st Settlement ...	69	9	0
Ditto 2nd „	69	11	0

COTTON.

Market Report :—

Prices opened steadier with an advance of about Rs. 2 per candy on Saturday's closing quotations. During the day there were slight fluctuations, but after receipt of the Liverpool opener the tone was distinctly firmer and rates close as under. Exporters to Europe are quiet, as there is not much encouragement from the Continent, but Japan shippers are in the market for high class Oomras. A fair business is reported.

For spot cotton there was some demand at Colaba by Japan Shippers and Mills for Bengals and Oomras saw crop.

QUOTATIONS :—

	Rs.	Delivery
Fine M. G. Broach	275	March 08
Good M. G. Broach	267 1/2	
Fine M. G. Nagpur Kampti ...	242/33	Jan. 08
Fine M. G. Damangaum Pulgaon ...	228/9	
Fine M. G. Khangaum Akola ...	218/19	
Fine M. G. Amraoti	218	
Fine M. G. Muttia	205	
F. G. M. G. Khandeish	200	
Fine M. G. Khandeish	205/6	
Fine M. G. Bengals	198/9	
Fine M. G. Bengals	201	March 08
F. G. H. G. Bengals	198/9	Jan. 08

Liverpool Opener :—

Opening Tone...	...	Firm.
Estimated Sales	...	7,000 bales.
Total Imports	...	23,000 „

Future Delivery Prices :—

N.-D.	D.-J.	J.-F.	F.-M.	M.-A.
5-68	5-68	5-71	5-73	5-74
+11	+11	+11	+11	+11
A.-M.	M.-J.	J.-J.	J.-A.	
5-75	5-76	5-77	5-76	
+11	+11	+11	+11	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed :—

The market is quiet with little business doing and we quote as follows :—

Ready	Rs. 8 0 0	B. T.
December	„ 8 8 6	R. T.
May...	„ 8 10 0	R. T.

RAPESEED—

The market is quiet and unchanged with only a small enquiry. We quote :—

Brown Cawnpore	Rs. 9 4 0	
Yellow Guzerat	„ 10 6 0	

Gingellyseed :—

The market is firmer and prices are advancing but there is little demand. We quote :—

Bold White 85 p.c.	Rs. 62 0 0	
„ „ 75 p.c.	„ 61 0 0	
Black Kutni	„ 54 8 0	

Poppyseed :—

Rs. 12 6 0

Tone—Steadier.

Castorseed :—

Rs. 39 0 0

Tone—Quiet but steady.

cottonseed :—

Rs. 25 0 0

Tone—Steady.

Mowrasseed :—

Rs. 5 7 0 B. T.

Tone—Firmer.

GROUNDNUTS :—

Rs. 46 0 0 Jan.-Feb.

Tone—Steady.

Wheat :—

The maket continues firm with however little doing. We quote :—

White Deini, Ap.-May. Rs. 5 15 0 R. T.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks :—				
Bombay ...	...	...	...	1,362 1/2
India ...	...	...	...	60
Mills :—				
David ...	...	...	...	388 3/4
Kohinoor ...	...	...	...	710
Manockji Petit ...	...	...	...	3,150
Presses :—				
Breul's Cawnpore ...	...	...		190
Hingoli	...	...		110
Khangaum Cotton Press ...	...			395
Miscellaneous :—				
Bombay Steam Nav. Ordinary ...				250
Colaba Land and Mill ...	...			1,030
Treacher and Co ...	...	...		610
Railways :—				
Tapti Valley ...	...	...		442 1/2

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p. m. on Saturday :—

Cotton	6,566	bales.
Wheat	2,688	cwts.
Linseed	535	„
Rapeseed	152	„
Gingellyseed	14,310	„
Poppyseed	12	„
Groundnuts	208	„
Castorseed	643	„
Rice	6,595	„
Myrabollams	4,569	„
Cottonseed	9,500	„
Mowrasseed	253	„
Gram	3,513	„
Joowar	536	„
Maize	nil.	„

BANK OF BOMBAY.

The following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay, for the week ending 23rd Nov., 1907, as compared with the statement of 16th Nov. 1907 :—

LIABILITIES.	Nov. 16. Rs.	Nov. 23. Rs.
Capital ...	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund ...	90,00,000	90,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office ...	40,14,857	43,92,783
Public Deposits at Branches ...	55,68,776	56,34,088
Other Deposits ...	8,84,71,515	8,74,11,615
Bank Post Bills ...	14,756	14,756
Sundries ...	21,23,661	24,66,315
	12,00,93,225	11,95,09,757
ASSETS.		
Government Securities ...	1,39,70,275	1,38,30,897
Other authorised Securities ...	27,35,710	27,98,630
Credits on Govt. and other authorised Securities ...	1,12,94,665	1,11,10,693
Loans do. do. do. ...	1,85,14,246	1,78,34,257
Bills discounted and purchased ...	2,90,91,378	2,86,90,782
Dead Stock ...	3,29,738	3,29,738
Stamps ...	3,603	3,544
Bullion ...	5,60,064	5,08,145
Balances with other Banks ...	22,67,405	21,92,835
Sundries ...	3,52,167	2,84,308
Cash ...	4,10,64,989	4,19,55,948
	12,00,93,225	11,95,09,757

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, NOVEMBER 25.

The depression which was yesterday in the Andaman Sea is passing westward and has given heavy rain to the Andaman Islands.

Slight to moderate rainfall occurred on the south of the Coromandal Coast, but in the West of the country the weather has been dry.

Cold weather depression is still giving heavily clouded skies in Baluchistan, extreme north, but beyond that there was an unimportant fall at Chaman. No principitation is reported.

In Burma, the skies how become lightly clouded. Humidity is now normal or in defect and the temperature normal or in slight excess.

In the north-east of India and Orissa, light cloud appeared the coast districts, but elsewhere the skies are clear, the amount of moisture in the air either equal to or less than the average and normal temperature conditions continue.

In the United Provinces, Central India and the Central Privinces, cloudless skies prevail. Air is still very dry and the temperature normal.

In the north-west of India, the skies have become heavily overcast in Baluchistan, extreme north, but still clear on the rest of the division. Humidity is in defect and the temperature high in the region of cloud and in Gujarat but normal elsewhere.

In the Peninsula, Pamban and Negapatam report light falls. The skies are generally lightly clouded, the air is drier than usual in the northern half of the Peninsula and contains the average quantity of moisture in the southern while the temperature has become normal throughout the division.

Forecast :—A few days falls of rain probable in the south of India.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 25TH NOVEMBER.

Amritsar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Hansi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton picking general. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops. Crop accounts unfavourable.

Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Wheat smaller area sown this year.

Agra.—Absence of rain causing anxiety. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Cawnpore.—Drought still continues. Crop accounts unfavourable.

Beawar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton picking general and arriving in small quantities.

Amraoti.—Seasonable. Wheat requires rain.

Dhulia.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings very cold. Cotton picking general, and arriving in small quantities. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Broach.—Easterly wind. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants in flower. Cotton first sowing in flower and showing bolls. Cotton healthy and prospects much improved.

Viramgam.—Cotton plants flourishing.

Wadhwan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants in flower. Cotton healthy and crop making good progress.

Dholera.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants flourishing and want more rain.

Bhavnagar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants flourishing. Cotton picking partially begun.

Barsi.—Unusually hot. All crops suffering from little rain.

Sholapur.—Bright no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally.

Hubli.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants slightly damaged by drought. Wheat requires fine weather. Insects doing harm.

Bellary.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton crop accounts unfavourable.

STANDARD BAROMETER READINGS.

The reading of the barometer at the Colaba Observatory corrected for index error and reduced to 32 deg. F. and for Calcutta standard at 8 a.m. (local time) on the 25th November was 29·942. The height of tide in the stream above zero of the tide gauge at Apollo Bunder was 8ft. at 8 a.m. (local time). The temperature correction for a mercurial barometer supposing the reading to be 30·00 and that of attached thermometer 80 deg. F, will be 14 and this will be higher or lower by ·01 for each 4 deg. In the case of aneroid no temperature correction is required. Should the height of barometer cistern, either mercurial or aneroid, above zero of tide gauge be different from 47 feet it will read higher or lower by ·01 for each 11 feet. The readings given above are distinct from those given in the daily weather report to which different corrections have been applied.

BOMBAY DAILY WEATHER REPORT FOR THE 25TH NOVEMBER.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Monday, the 25th November, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

Punjab.—Skies are clear. Calms and westerly winds prevail generally. Yesterday's maximum was 2° to 5° hotter than usual throughout the district and last night's minimum was 3° cooler at Sirsa and 1° to 2° hotter at Lahore and Delhi. The air is slightly damper than usual at Lahore and slightly drier in other places.

United Provinces.—Skies are free from cloud and at all stations in this Province the air contains less than the average quantity of moisture. Calms and westerly or north-westerly winds prevail generally. Weather was hotter than usual during the day time throughout the district and at night temperature was nearly equal to average at Jhansi and 1° to 6° cooler in other places.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are almost clear and humidity is less than usual. Winds were from north-westerly direction in Sind and at Jaipur, while calm was recorded at Ajmere. Maximum temperature was in excess of normal both in Sind and Rajputana and the minimum was 2° to 3° cooler at Karachi and Jaipur and 2° hotter at Jacobabad and Ajmere.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are almost free from clouds and the air has become drier and now contains less than the usual amount of moisture in these districts. Winds are blowing from north-westerly direction at Dwarka and Bhavnagar Para, while calms and easterly or north-easterly winds prevail elsewhere. Maximum temperature has fallen below normal at Veraval, but continues in excess elsewhere. At night, temperature was about normal or 2° cooler at Bhavnagar, Ahmedabad and in Central India West and 1° to 4° warmer in other places.

Central Provinces.—Skies are clear or lightly Clouded and humidity is in large defect of normal everywhere. Wind direction was calm at Akola, while winds from north-easterly or south-easterly direction were blowing elsewhere. Maximum temperature was 1° to 5° higher than usual and the minimum temperature was 1° to 7° cooler throughout the district.

Konkan.—Skies are lightly or moderately clouded and humidity is normal at Karwar and in defect in other places. Wind direction was calm at Karwar, while winds from easterly direction were blowing elsewhere. Weather during the day time was hotter than usual throughout the district, while at night temperature was approximately normal.

Bombay, Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are clear at Malegaon and Ahmednagar and lightly or moderately clouded in all other places. The direction of air movement was easterly at Bijapur and Belgaum, while calm was recorded elsewhere. Weather was hotter than usual during the day time in the whole district, but at night temperature was fairly normal at Malegaon and Belgaum and 2° to 7° cooler in other places.

General Remarks.—Weather is yet in a slightly unsettled condition in Ceylon and on and off the Coromandel Coast and at Bellary and Cuddapah, but elsewhere it continues fine and settled.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorologist, Bombay.

THE goods traffic on the B. B. and C. I. Railway, for the week ending 2nd November 1907, shows a decrease on the corresponding week of 1906 of 65,867 maunds and Rs. 34,734 in the earnings.

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EUROPE.

DEATH.

LAMBERT—November 14, at Horsham, Sussex, George Neugent, Reynolds Lambert, second son of the late G. N. R. Lambert Esquire, County Galway, Ireland.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BRACE—November 21, at Madura, the wife of W. H. Brace, S. I. Ry., of a daughter.
BOYS—November 22, at Allahabad, the wife of Guy P. Boys, of a son.
DINWIDDIE—November 21, at 14, Garden Reach, the wife of R. Dinwiddie, B. N. Ry., of a son.
FRENCH—November 18, at Lansdowne, the wife of Capt. W. C. French, 2 Rd The Queen's Own Gurkha Rifles, of a daughter.

DEATH.

FERDINAND—October 31, at Rani Dhara House, Almore, my husband Richard John Ferdinand, late of the Calcutta Customs Department, Superintendent, as also of the B. I. S. N. Co.

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Sun rises, 6h. 52m., Sun sets, 6h. 0m.; High water, 2-52m., 2-34a.; Low water, 9-5m., 8-24a.
Factory Labour Commission, Secretariat, 2 p.m.
Evening Entertainment, Bombay Education Society's High School, Byculla, 9-30 p. m.
Skating Rink, 9-30 p. m.
Excelsior Cinematograph, Esplanade, 7 p. m., 8 30 p. m. and 10 p. m.

PHASES OF THE MOON.—Nov. 28th. Last Quarter, 9h, 51-0m. a.m.; Nov. 9th, in Perigee, 11-5h. a. m.; Nov. 25th, in Apogee, 11-3h., a. m.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Wednesday, November 27.—Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p.m. Factory Labour Commission, Secretariat, 2 p.m. Sun rises, 6h. 52m. Sun sets, 6h. 0m. High water, 3-29m. 3-26a, Low water, 10-10m. 9-10a.
Thursday, November 28.—Sun rises, 6h. 53m.; Sun sets, 6h. 0m.; High water, 4-16m., 4-45a.; Low water, 11-56m., 10 32a.
Friday, November 29.—Factory Labour Commission Secretariat, 2 p.m. Sun rises, 6h. 54m., Sun sets 6h. 0m., High water, 5 21m., 6-20a., Low water, 0-56a
Saturday, November 30.—Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races. Factory Labour Commission, Secretariat, 2 p. m. Sun rises, 6h. 54m., Sun sets, 6h. 0m.; High water, 6-28m., 7-45a.; Low water, 0-15m., 1-45a.
Sunday, December 1.—1st Sunday in Advent. Parsi Tower of Silence consecration ceremony at Deolali. Sun rises, 6h. 55m., Sun sets, 6h. 0m.; High water, 7-35m., 8-45a., Low water, 1-35m., 2-26a.
Monday, December 2.—Municipal Corporation, 3-30 p.m. New Great Eastern Spinning and Weaving Company, 42-48, Church Gate Street, 3-30 p.m. Sun rises, 6h 55m., Sun sets, 6h. 0m.; High water, 8-28m., 9-35a; Low water, 2-35m., 3-4a.

A CHARITY PERFORMANCE.—A variety performance in aid of the "Building Fund" of the Society of Our Lady of Piety, Dabul, comes off at the Gaiety Theatre this evening, at 9-30 p.m. (S.T.), under the distiaguished patronage of H. E. Viscount of Wrem, Consul-General for Portugal in British India.

POSTAL NOTICE.—A mail for Egypt and Europe consisting of Letters and packets specially marked for transmission per Messageries Maritimes s. s. "Caledonien" will be made up at the Bombay General Post Office for despatch to destination at 8 a. m. on Thursday the 28th current letters, &c., for Aden and Barbera will also be despatched by this steamer. Parcel Mail for France will be closed at 5-30 p. m. the previous day.

FATAL BURNS.—Narotum Jethabhoy (30), a turner, employed in the Sewchand Mulji Mechanic Workshop in Trimbak Parashram Street, Bombay, was working the foot-paddle of an engine to start it on Saturday, when the lid of the safety valve flew up, and Narotam and a man, named Shaikh Lal, who was near him, were severely burnt by the hot oil which came out. Both the men were conveyed to Sir J. J. Hospital, where Narotam died on Sunday night. Shaikh Lal is improving.

SELLING CONTRABAND BEEF.—At the Mazagon Police Court, Bombay, yesterday, before Mr. Chunilal H. Setalwad, Mr. Syed Sarfuddin, Inspector of Municipal Markets, charged Hafiz Ali, a Mahomedan, with selling beef imported from Cooria without a licence from the Municipal Commissioner. The beef was brought into Bombay on the 22nd October without a licence and the accused was found selling it in Kamatipura. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined Rs. 30.

BAND AT THE BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.—By kind permission of Lt.-Colonel J. S. McNeill, V. D., and Officers of 1st Batt., G. I. P. Railway Volunteers Band will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 6 p. m to-day :—

Polonaise	...Der Fackelzug	...	Faust
Overture	...Isabella	...	Sante
Selection	...The Gondoliers	...	Sullivan
Polka Coquet So'o	...The Star of England	...	J. Farrell
Selection	...Three Little Maids	...	Ruben
American Sketch	„ Down South	...	Myddleton

BAI SAKARBAI DINSHAW PETIT HOSPITAL FOR ANIMALS.—On the first of October last, there were 37 horses, 110 bullocks, 1 cat, and 30 dogs at the Bai Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospital for Animals at Parel. During the month of October 66 horses, 149 bullocks, 4 cows, 1 buffalo, 2 goats, 15 dogs, 1 calf, and 1 kangaru were admitted, and during the same month 49 horses, 129 bullocks, 2 cows, 1 cat, 2 goats and 24 dogs were discharged from the Hospital. 3 cases among horses, 1 case among bullocks, 1 case among deer, 1 cases among buffaloes, 1 case among goats and 2 cases among dogs and 1 case among kangaru proved fatal during the past month. The following animals were treated as outpatients during the month :—16 horses, 2 bullocks, 2 cows, 1 goat, 98 dogs, 7 parrots and 1 pug.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

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SYDNEY COPE,
Honorary Secretary.

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The Bombay Gazette.

TUESDAY, NOV. 26, 1907.

CALCUTTA DISTURBANCES.

THE report of the Unofficial Commission of Inquiry into the Riots in Calcutta on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of October last appears over the names of Babu Narendro Nath Sen, Rai Sreenath Pal Bahadur and the Hon'ble Babu Radha Charan Pal. In it they record the fact that the northern section of Calcutta was the scene of serious disturbances on the nights of the 2nd and 3rd and the morning of the 4th October. The reports published in the Press, they say, contained almost incredible accounts of acts of lawlessness on the part of the Police. It was stated, among other things that the Police had stirred up the rowdy element of the city; and that in conjunction with budmashes, they had made wanton and unprovoked attacks upon Bengalis—residents and passers-by—and had looted and destroyed the property of some shopkeepers and others. Many well-known residents of Calcutta were also reported to have personally witnessed instances of such misconduct on the part of the Police. There was, the report sets forth, a widespread feeling of consternation among the Indian community with regard to the conduct of the Police in connection with these disturbances, and it was very generally desired that a full investigation should be made of the circumstances connected with the riots. The interests represented by the Unofficial Commission objected to the inquiry conducted by the Hon'ble Mr. Collin because it was not open to the public and the press. They also alleged that the evidence was hurriedly taken and that many witnesses who came forward to make their statements went away without making any, not being called, and some of them not even being made aware that the inquiry was being held. The feeling prevailed that the inquiry was wholly unsatisfactory and it was thought desirable by the Indian community "that an unofficial investigation should be made"—and that without loss of time, in view of "the daily increasing reports of injuries to person and property sustained by innocent persons in the course of these riots at the hands of the Police and budmashes and the probable loss of material evidence with the lapse of time." The Commission, whose report is now issued, was consequently formed and six sittings were held. The report complains of the failure of the Police to accept their invitation to attend. But it would have been much more remarkable if they had. The Police officers concerned had addressed their customary reports to their superiors and that was enough for them until officially called upon to attend an official inquiry. They cannot be expected to answer the summons of a self-constituted Commission, however respectable or even eminent its members may be.

At best then the report of the Commission must be one-sided and of very little value inasmuch as it records the evidence of individuals anxious to bring home the charges of complicity which were freely levelled against them. Nevertheless such witnesses as did give evidence are said to have done so voluntarily, "which were made after taking the most solemn declaration to tell the truth," and they were recorded and signed as if made in judicial proceedings. The Police not being represented, the witnesses of whom there were 173, could not be cross-examined and those who know the glibness of the average tongue when asked to tell the tale of wrongs and grievances are well aware that imaginary as well as real ones find expression. The Commissioners felt this and sought to minimise its importance, for they seek to assure us that no plains were spared "to elicit the truth by a close examination of the witnesses. The absence of cross-examination does not, however appear to us to be of the same importance as it would be in an ordinary criminal trial, where the inquiry would be directed to the establishment of the guilt or innocence of a particular individual or individuals and where, therefore, various questions affecting individuals, such as motive, malice, identification, etc., might arise." We cannot accept this theory which rather explains the eagerness of witnesses who "came pouring in," even after the conclusion of the proceedings, and we can well understand the belief that "more evidence would have been forthcoming" if the Commission had seen its way to prolonging the inquiry. That is conceivable especially as witnesses know they had nothing to fear in the way of cross-examination and incurred no responsibility before the law, however much they might draw the long bow. However, "having carefully considered the statements of the witnesses, which are corroborated by marks of violence personally seen by us in many cases, and noted in the evidence, and having regard to the fact that some of the aggrieved persons lost no time in applying to persons in authority for redress, but without any success, and remembering further that none of these witnesses had any motive whatever for falsely implicating the Police," say the Commissioners, "we see no reason whatever to doubt the truth of the general narrative." And so the Commission finds that the aggressors in the riots and looting affrays were the Police and low-caste people, individually in some cases and conjointly in others, and that the attacks were directed exclusively against Bengali Hindus.

Upon their "findings of facts," the Commission has come to the conclusion that whatever reason there may have been for the breaking up of the Beadon Square meeting a large number of innocent persons were brutally assaulted, or otherwise subjected to insult and rudeness without any provocation or justifiable cause. They state that it was not proved before them that there was the least necessity on the part of the Police for using force or violence; nor was it shown that when the meeting was ordered to disperse there was any resistance on the part of the audience and the speakers, or that any attempt was made to arrest any of the persons taking part in the meeting, or that such attempt, if made, met with resistance from the assembled people. Not a single witness spoke of any brickbats being thrown at the Police, but all witnesses agreed that on a signal being given by some Police officers, a general attack on Bengalis was commenced. Bodies of policemen usually act on a word of command, and probably that is what was meant by "a given signal." It would have been more satisfactory if in the record of evidence question and answer had been given, instead of the statements which fill its pages. But that point causes the Commission no regrets. "We should have been glad", they add, "if we could finish this report only with the findings of facts recorded above. But we feel that we should not be discharging the duty we have undertaken, if we did not record the further conclusion that we have felt constrained to arrive at, *viz.*, that in the looting of the 3rd October, the Police and the budmash element in the city were intimately associated. It is a well-known fact that the constables of the Calcutta Police force do not include any Bengalis, but are recruited entirely from among up-country men." One story is good until the other is told. So, however plausible that presented by the self-appointed Commission may be, we must regard it not as the result of a judicial enquiry but rather as the case for the prosecution—no more than that. There is another story, another version of the incidents, and that no doubt we shall eventually have as the result of Mr. Weston's inquiry. Meantime we must hesitate to accept the Unofficial Commission's findings and conclusions and wait for those of the duly constituted Court of Inquiry.

TOURMALINE IN BURMA. A very interesting article written by Mr. E. C. S. George, I.C.S., the Deputy Commissioner of the Ruby Mines District in Burma, recently appeared in the *Indian Trade Journal* on the tourmaline mines of Mainguin. These mines, it seems, were first discovered and worked by Chinese some two hundred years ago but these seem to have received scant welcome. Nevertheless they worked extensively on the Hpaibang hillside for some time and there are still traces of their workings. After that it was not till about 1867 that the Kachin Taung-gyop of Loiya restarted operations and worked successfully till a Shan adventurer made a bold dash and captured the mines for a year. Much trouble and no little fighting followed and it was not till 1885 that the industry entered on another period of tranquility. Progress one cannot say, for the village which now consists of almost ninety-three houses has at times dwindled down to as low as six or seven, good discoveries in 1905 accounting for the present size of the village. The success of the mines dates from the advent of Pa Seinda who spent much time and labour in constructing a long water channel to work the discarded Chinese mines. The Kachins had contented themselves with digging shallow holes and obtained only poor specimens of the gem. The latter however quickly adopted the new process and in 1887, when the power of the Kachins was broken down, Seinda was instructed to collect a tax of five per cent from the buyer and two and a half per cent from the seller. The tax varied until in 1890 a revised system was introduced under which taxes of two and one rupees per month were levied from each worker according to the nature of the mine. The methods of the native miner are not so primitive as might be expected. Tourmaline is found in separate crystals in the interstices of hard granitic looking rock. As a consequence, men with no means find it occasionally profitable when they have leisure to dig down 8 or 10 feet on the chance of finding some not very valuable bits. (*a*) This system is called "Kathe taik" or "Kathe system," after the idea of the original ruby diggings at Kathe. It is regarded much in the same light as the Kanese method at Mogok and no tax appears to have been hitherto collected on workers by this system though there appears to be no valid authority for the omission to tax them. (*b*) The next method is the ordinary "Twinlon" method of sinking a vertical shaft about 4 or 5 feet square. By custom the owner of the shaft is entitled to extend his workings under ground anywhere to a radius of five fathoms from the centre of the shaft. In this way the vein or Kyaw in which the tourmaline is found embedded in irregular crystals, for the most part sexagonal with a flattish base, usually of a dark colour varying from brown to black, while the upper portion which is of the light transparent pink, which is the most highly prized colour, terminates usually in the intersection of three planes the extreme apex of which is usually found flattened, making a small triangle. The most valuable variety is found in a matrix of white and in this the area of the triangle at the apex often covers the whole surface of the upper end. According to the miners, crystals with a flattened top are almost always without the badly discoloured base and present an even, transparent colour. The "vein" is formed by a vein of white hard granitic rock in the interstices of which the tourmaline is found at times adhering loosely to the rock, at others lying separate in the loose yellowish earth that is found with the granite. When a vein is once found it is followed up as far as possible subject to the five-fathom limit alluded to above. What, however, makes the mining so exciting and at the same time keeps the industry fluctuating is that the tourmaline crystals are only found intermittently in the vein. One may get several in the length of one yard and then they will unaccountably cease. Directly one man strikes a vein yielding crystals every one who can commences digging along the lie of the vein, but it is all a toss up as to whether, when the vein is reached, there will be tourmaline therein. *Adjoining Twinlons* give absolutely different results and it is calculated that at least two-thirds of the shafts sunk yield nothing at all, while only an occasional one is at all rich. When Mr. George visited the mines there were sixty-two *Twinlons* working, but only three were yielding and only one of these was giving the best stone. The vein is said rarely, if ever, to show an outcrop and it is a matter of pure speculation where to dig. As the whole place is covered with jungle, prospecting in any way would be laborious. There have been three finds, each causing a rush. The first was some seven years ago at Hpai Baing (Milaunggon) about a mile to the south of the present place and near where the Chinese had worked formerly. The next was a year or two later at Htaukat between Milaunggon and Sanka. Then there were three or four lean years and then early in 1905, one Konkan struck a vein near Sanka village which has attracted the present growth of population to Mainguin. There does not seem to be any knowledge of the average yearly supply and the industry is so speculative that it is not likely to be taken out of the hands of the native workers.

CAMPBELL CORUSCATIONS. WHEN a certain *cause celebre* which created a tremendous sensation some years ago was being heard, it transpired that one of the parties concerned had made some disparaging remarks about the pretentions of "the Campbells"—not the powerful class of that ilk but the proud family of which MacCalan More is the chief. We are reminded of the sarcastic observation alluded to by a paragragh in the book of more or less interesting reminiscences which the present Duke has given to the world this week under the title "Passages from the Past." His Grace writing about his distinguished father's gifts as a public speaker, says:—"Always vehement in argument, he was an excellent orator, better than Gladstone, and equal to Bright, though his audience always felt that he was a thorough believer in the truth of all that came from his lips. This gave my father and a great Birmingham speaker the hold they had over a wider audience than the number collected to hear them. They were not daunted by the changing opinion of constituents or others to change themselves." Better than Gladstone and equal to Bright. Angels and Ministers of grace defend us! George Douglas Campbell, eighth duke of Argyll was certainly an eloquent man, but it is ridiculous to make him higher than Gladstone, and his style savoured too much of the pulpit—not to say the professional chair—to entitle him to be called a great Parliamentary orator. Our London correspondent tells us he remembers being in the gilded chamber on one occasion when it fell to the lot of Lord Rosebery to answer an elaborate speech of the Duke in which he lectured and scolded his former colleagues in a manner that excited their ire. A "portentous political pedagogue" was Lord Rosebery's alliterative and acidulated description of the veteran statesman. The book under notice is not specially quotable, but to give it its due there are a few good things in it. Perhaps the best is a story about Gladstone and Carlyle. They occupied the post of Lord Rector of Edinburgh University in succession. "Gladstone began to talk of his election. Carlyle said, in his broad accent, 'The worst of it is that one has to treat it'—(*i.e.*, the election)—as something, whereas it is in reality nothing.' 'Well,' said Gladstone, 'you know there is an inaugural address to be given.' 'Yes,' answered Carlyle, 'and I suppose I shall have to go and dig up something from the bottom of my brains which had much better remain there." The ducal author has himself dabbled in literature, and as a versifier is not below the level of the late Sir Wilfrid Lawson, *minus* the latter's keen sense of humour. Literary London is shocked by the Duke describing Mr. Swinburne and Browning as minor poets and by what he says about Wordsworth: "It is doubtful if many read his writings now." Why, as one of the Duke's critics tells him, Wordsworth is read by everyone who has any tincture of poetry in his composition. "Nothing could incite Wordsworth to vivid poetry. The rugged scenes of Switzerland, or of the west of Scotland, the recent wars on the Continent, the great themes that shook the souls of great men and vibrated through their verse, never made Wordsworth rise from a meek contemplation of a toad or butterfly."—"Was there ever such an example of the *jugement sangreux*, asks the outraged reviewer; and we should say there was not. Another cause of irritation is what the *Times* calls "a certain carelessness of statement on the Duke's part and what must be called an habitual misspelling of proper names, the two together tending to create an impression that the Duke's mind is more active than accurate. On more than one occasion he denounces the ordinary English classical education: but, with all its imperfections, we cannot help thinking that in his own case a little more of it would have saved him from many slips which at present vex the reader's eye." He is also called to account for saying that King Humbert met his death "by the hands of assassins who threw the bomb that killed him at Milan." The Duke is reminded that the ill-fated Italian sovereign was killed by a revolver shot, not by a bomb; that the assassin was without accomplices, and that the dead was done not at Milan but at Monza. When the Socialist Revolution comes off and the Duke is despoiled of all his wordly goods, it is probably not to letters that he will turn for his livelihood. Another member of the family has been to the fore in the person of the Duke's sister, Lady Frances Balfour, who is distinctly more "brainy" and sparkling than her brother. Addressing a meeting of Suffragists in Westminster two days ago she said that there are three things which "prevent the Scottish people from being the most conceited nation in the world." First, its railway systems; second, its intemperance; third, its Tory party—"the worst organised, the poorest, the most contemptible body of politicians that she knew anywhere." It appears that the Edinburgh Tories treated her Ladyship rather badly when she went there to speak on behalf of a lady aspirant for Municipal honours. Hence these objurgations.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. "Peninsular," with the outward Mails of the 15th instant, left Aden at 4 p.m., on Sunday, and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 7 a.m., on Friday next.

THE Manawadar Prince is to be installed on the "Gadi" to-day.

THE case of Sergeant Walters is likely to be taken up in the High Court of Calcutta to-day.

THE German East Africa Line steamer "Gouverneur" left Zanzibar for Bombay Sunday morning.

THE Anchor Line s.s. "Scindia" passed Suez on the 23rd instant and is due to arrive in Bombay on the 5th proximo.

THE Florio and Rubattino S. N. Co.'s s.s. "Ischia" from Hong-Kong left Singapore for Penang and Bombay on the 24th instant.

CHAPTERS XXIV and XXV of our Serial Story "Scarlet Town," by Alice and Claude Askew, will be found on page 6 of to-day's issue.

THE Chief Presidency Magistrate of Calcutta is presiding over a Marine Court of Enquiry regarding the recent accident to the steamer "Nepal."

THE Messageries Maritimes Co.'s s.s. "Caledonien" left Colombo for Bombay on the 23rd instant, and is excepted here on the 27th at 8 a.m.

CEYLON planters lose a veritable link with the past by the retirement of Mr. Hugh Blacklaw, who first landed at Colombo on the 23rd August, 1858. Like so many men, Mr. Blacklaw suffered severely when coffee went under, but although his heavy loss was chiefly due to the failure to keep their engagement by others, he never lost his cheeriness, says the "Ceylon Observer"; and it was the sale to an Edinburgh Company of a rubber and tea estate that he owned which has at length released the veteran planter.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

ATHLETICS.

Anchor Stroke at Billiards.

(FROM OUR SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, NOVEMBER 8.

When the late Cecil Rhodes thought out his scheme of scholarships at Oxford he had something far greater in mind than improving athletics at that ancient seat of learning. He conceived that the over-seas scholars would derive certain benefits from association with the English 'Varsity and its ancient traditions, while the advent of healthy-minded Colonials and Americans with broad and progressive views would naturally have beneficial effects. That some of the more snobbish 'Varsity men, who set undue importance on an old name and consider it *infra dig* to associate with anyone whose people make or made their money out of trade, should regard the Rhodes Scholars as "bounders," was inevitable. Fortunately, however, this petty spirit was confined to a small section and has gradually grown less and less. The very mode of selecting the Rhodes Scholars ensures that they will be a credit to their land and 'Varsity, for they must possess both a sound body and mind. We hear rather more of their athletic prowess, than their success in regard to scholarships, but that is only the prevailing fashion, for they are very much to the fore at both.

To hark back a trifle, the writer started out to try and show how the Rhodes Scholars have improved athletics in England, and this will be even more marked in the future. The young English student is sometimes a trifle blasé and not inclined to put forth his best efforts for anything. He only wants rousing, however, to prove himself a second to none, and his pride of race counts for a lot. The spirit of conquest is possessed by most and when the Home 'Varsity man sees "one of those Colonial or American fellows" excelling him, both in regard to studies and sports, he commences to think of the Prince of Wales's words: "Wake up England."

A BRILLIANT PERFORMER.

Rhodes scholars have been very much to the fore at the Oxford Freshmen's sports this week, and one of them particularly distinguished himself. This was L. C. Hull of Brasenose College, who hails from Michigan, U. S. A. He proved himself a real all-rounder and showed ability as a jumper, weight thrower, hurdler, sprinter and quarter-miler. It is at the sprint and quarter, however, that he will probably shine to the best advantage in the future. On the first day, after winning the high jump and weight, and qualifying for the hurdles and "100" finals, he won the "quarter" in 52 1-5secs., very excellent indeed. He is perhaps even better in proportion at the 100 yards and his performances at the 'Varsity sports will be watched with interest.

CYCLING.

Jean Devoissoux, holder of the world's amateur sprint championship, has already "made good" in the ranks of the professionals. He fairly and squarely defeated E. Friol, world's professional sprint champion, and two other good men in a ten kilometres race at Paris recently and after this he may be expected to do very big things. There was once a time when the professional runner and cyclist held rather a poor opinion of the amateur, but things are different now. A. A. Zimmerman, George Banker, Arthur Chase, Jimmy Michael and J. W. Stocks are only a few examples of amateurs who have done great things after going into the professional ranks. On the continent it is quite the fashion for the best amateurs—from the point of ability—to finally blossom out as pros. but in England our amateurs seldom voluntarily do so. This is one reason our professionals do not show to particular advantage with Continental and American cracks. Undoubtedly we should do better if professionals received more encouragement and amateurs and professionals met frequently in competition. It stands to reason that if sports programmes contained events open to both amateurs and professionals as well as for the two classes, it would lead to very keen racing. Besides this the "gates would be better. Many of my readers may remember the vast interest taken in the George vs. Cummings running matches, upwards of 40,000 spectators attending the first race. This was because both the amateur professional world was interested and though of course this was an exceptional case, the argument still holds good. There is no reason why amateurs and professionals should not meet in competition, the one receiving a prize and the other cash, and it would certainly add to the interest of cycling in England.

BILLIARDS.

Recent events have demonstrated that we have not seen the end of the anchor stroke. In the Harverson vs. Lovejoy match the latter, with 1,500 points start in 8,000 up, the condition stipulated that not more than 50 consecutive "anchor" canons should be made. Early in the last session Harverson led by over 400 and the match looked all over. Lovejoy however had a big card up his sleeve and he succeeded in obtaining the "anchor" position. He was not long in scoring 48 "anchor" canons, when he broke the position, but regained it in three strokes. This time he scored 41 canons and once more broke up and regained the position in three strokes. He made sixteen more "anchor" canons, when the break ended, the total being 357. Harverson seemed demoralised, but Lovejoy made another fine break of 200 and won the match by 315 points. It may be added that his average at the last session was 106. Lovejoy has not clearly shown that limiting the number of "anchors" to fifty will not do, unless it be fifty in one break, for it is quite evident the cracks can break and regain the "anchor" position almost at will, if they care to give their mind to it.

BOXING.

There is considerable dissatisfaction because boxing finds no part on the Olympic Games programme. In this the general public is not quite fair to the British Olympic officials. If it were left to the latter body to decide the point, boxing would no doubt receive recognition. It must be remembered, however, that the Olympic Games programme is arranged by the Olympic Committee, made up of representatives of many nations. Of these only Britain and America favour boxing, and our representatives have done very well indeed to get many events included which are decidedly favourable to our chances.

Because Tommy Burns showed a natural desire to have a say as to the size of the ring referee and make of the gloves for his forthcoming match with Gunner Moir, he has been somewhat harshly criticised. Compared to American clubs, the National Sporting Club is a small building, so that the regulation 24-foot ring is almost out of the question. Burns wanted a ring of this size and he was not disposed to accept any referee the Club might like to appoint. After all, Burns can hardly be accused of unreasonableness in these matters as he is a stranger here and therefore has yet to learn that a visitor gets just as fair a run for his money as the home crack, when the management is in the hands of the National Sporting Club.

FOOTBALL.

The Football Association did not see fit to grant the request of the Sheriff of London Shield Charity Committee and allow that body to invite what clubs it thought fit to take part in the annual match for the trophy. In declining to grant this concession, the F. A. has alienated the sympathies of thousands of its admirers. Undoubtedly this is bad policy on the part of the governing body even though it takes every care that the charity shall not suffer. This it promises to do and offers to arrange a match for the Shield between any two clubs affiliated to the F. A., or selected teams. The F. A. at the same time thought it opportune to point out that it has distributed £9,082 in charity since May of 1900. The refusal referred to will be made the most of by the supporters of the new amateur F. A., many of whom are none too careful as to how they handle facts. Dealing with the rival Associations, it is by no means assured that the players belonging to the new body will be denied all opportunity of trips to the Continent. There are some unaffiliated clubs there willing to arrange fixtures, as instanced already by the visit of the Hampstead F. C. to Roubaix, where the English team beat the Roubaix F. C. team by 8 goals to 1.

RECENT MATCHES.

The Corinthians took a good team to Oxford on Saturday, but the Oxford 'Varsity eleven beat them by 2 goals to 1, which speaks well for the strength of the Dark Blues. The Cambridge men were not nearly so fortunate in their match against the New Crusaders at Sydenham. The home team included no fewer than five of the Farnfield family and won by 10 goals to 2. A slight explanation of this extraordinary score was the injury to one of the Cantabs, who had to leave the field, but as a subsitute took his place it probably made no great difference.

Turning to League fray, there is no change to chronicle in the position of the leaders. Manchester United continued to gain victories, though the recent one at Birmingham was only by the narrow margin of the odd goal in seven. Sheffield Wednesday is still the nearest in attendance, but five points divides the Yorkshiremen from the leaders. The greatest surprise on Saturday was the 5 goals to 1 victory of Woolwich Arsenal on entertaining Sheffield United. The Second League Championship looks like providing an exceptional contest. Oldham Athletic is looming very big just now and a 2 to 1 goals victory over West Bromwich Albion, on the latter's ground, makes it certain that the winners will have to be reckoned with. At present they are second on the table with 16 points for ten games, while Hull City only lead them by a point, though they have played twelve matches. Bradford City appears to be the most dangerous rivals to Oldham, the Yorkshireman having gained fourteen points in nine engagements. It may be added that Oldham and Preston North End will meet in the final of the Lancashire Cup. Queen's Park showed something like old form when beating Glasgow Rangers (3—1) in a Scottish League match on Saturday. Another surprise was Clyde drawing (1—1) on visiting St. Mirren. In consequence, Dundee now heads the table with 20 points for 12 games, St. Mirren claiming a like number for 13 engagements.

RUGBY.

The New Zealanders made their first appearance in Wales on Saturday and beat Merthyr by 27 points to 9. The visitors had a harder task against Keighley during the week and only just got home by nine points to seven. Under Rugby Union rules, Durham beat Yorkshire (21 points to 16) and Lancashire beat Cheshire (15 points to 7) while Cornwall defeated Somerset (25 pts. to 6), all these being county Championship matches.

TURF TOPICS.

The famous English hurdler Karakoul ran in the Prix Aston Blount at Antenil on Sunday and was set to concede weight to the French jumpers. He failed to get a place however, nevertheless his owners received a substantial offer for the horse, which was accepted, and his future home will be in France. Talking of the sale of horses, Land League the Cambridgeshire winner passed into the possession of Captain Humphry for 45 guineas.

'He is a yearling, and as his winnings already amount to over £4,000, the bargain was a wonderful one and there is no knowing what the future will bring forth. Such a stayer ought also to prove a useful sire, for we want more of the hardy type introduced into the blood of our thoroughbreds.

R. Boardman, who is equally as well-known in South Africa and Germany as in England, has just finished a successful season in the land of the Kaiser. He rode 53 winners and was third on the list of successful jockeys. Writing of the "Knights of the Pigs-skin," A. Templeman is now en route for India and little W. Griggs will also shortly be going there, where he will ride for Mr. A. A. Apcar. Danny Maher will again be first horseman to Lord Derby, and his fellow-countryman J. H. Martin will probably be seen on English courses next season, providing a suitable retainer be forthcoming. From jockeys to owners is but a step and we find Mr. W. Hall Walker holding a big lead over all his rivals. He has won £17,000 in stakes, which represents the the success of seven horses in twelve races. Lord Derby comes next, eleven of his string having secured 31 races worth £12,969. As to horses, Lally still holds pride of place with three wins worth £11,555. The question of the leading sire will now soon be settled and much will depend on the next few days. At present there is little in it between Gallinule and St. Frusquin.

RACING.

Racegoers have had plenty to occupy their attention this week, and those interested in flat racing and hurdling have both had opportunities of witnessing their favourite game. Fields were good at Lincoln and thirteen youngsters contested the Chaplain Nursery Plate, in which D. Maher rode Mr. C. T. Pulley's colt by Orvieto—Hush to victory, the performance indicating that the winner is distinctly smart. Rockburn carried Colonel Fenwick's colours to victory in the Great Tom Plate, Lady Hasty being second best, while the field included that old stayer Dumbarton Castle. Turning to Liverpool, where the formal opening of a new five furlong course was a feature, the Knowsley Nursery Stakes of 1,000 sovs. attracted no fewer than 24, with the spoils going to Mr. A. F. Basset's Sungange. The Lancashire Handicap gave Pure Gem winning brackets, Mr. J. B. Joel's colt scoring comfortably, while Eagerness carried the Duke of Westminster's colours to victory in the Steward's Plate. That we are close on the end of the season was brought home by the Grand Sefton Steeplechase for which fifteen weighed out. Class was also in evidence as Oatlands figured as top weight, but he was brought down at the second fence. Accidents were very numerous and only five finished, the winner turning up in Springbok, very well named, as Colonel Birking's gelding fenced splendidly and he is worth watching.

DEATH OF MR. B. G. GUPTE.

The death of Mr. Bhaurao Yashavant Gupte, the First Class Sub-Judge of Thana, occurred at Thana on Monday the 18th instant. The deceased was born at Ahmednagar in 1860, being the son of a Pleader there. He was educated at Ahmednagar High School whence he passed the Matriculation Examination in 1875 and stood first in school. Through adverse circumstances he had to encounter a very keen struggle; but by dint of sheer industry and intelligence he managed to pass the District Pleaders' Examination in 1880, and the very next year the High Court Pleaders' Examination wherein only two candidates out of 200 were declared to have been successful. For one year after that, he held the post of Assistant in the Victoria and Albert Museum at Bombay, which place he vacated in 1883 to take up a Judicial appointment in the Sangli State. He was offered the post of District Magistrate of Kolhapur in 1884 but preferred to be contented with his appointment as Nyayadhish of Sangli. In 1885 his employment as a Sub-Judge under the Bombay Government was gazetted, and from that time until his death, he was a trusted servant of that Government. In 1892 he was invested with First Class Magisterial powers when at Umreth; and from 1895 to 1899 his services were lent to the Savantwadi State for employment as Judicial Assistant Political Superintendent, in which capacity, "with his energy and zeal he succeeded in keeping down the Judicial file which in that litigious country was constantly apt to be overloaded."

He reverted to the Judicial Department on promotion in 1899, and on his transfer to Dhulia in 1902, he was specially entrusted with the powers of an Assistant Sessions Judge for a period of five years, though he was only a Second Class Sub-Judge. In March 1907, he was promoted to the First Class over the heads of several of his seniors and was posted to Broach. In July he was transferred to Thana and was also invested with Appellate powers.

The deceased had been ailing since the beginning of October and was only 47 at the time of his death.

He leaves behind him a very large family to mourn his loss; his eldest son is a B. A. LL. B., of the Bombay University, and is practising in the High Court as Assistant Government Pleader: of the younger sons, one is an L. M. & S. student and another is at Elphinstone College.

LAND FOR SEGREGATION PURPOSES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Allow me, through the medium of your widely circulated paper, to inform such of the public as may be anxious to go out of Bombay and live in tents or 'cudjan' sheds on account of plague that, as before, I offer free of charge all the vacant pieces of land belonging to me in the villages of Borivli, Magathan, Malad, Pahadi near Goregaum, Dindosi, Akorlee, Chincholo and Bhaindar. I may mention that a large number of persons have availed themselves of my offer, for the last seven years, and I am glad to say that they all enjoyed the best of health, and not a single case of sickness occurred during their stay. Application should be made to me at the office of Messrs. James Mackintosh and Co., Elphinstone Circle.—Yours, &c.,

CHUBILDAS LULLOOBHOY.

Bombay, 23 NOVR.

THE Government of Burma have issued an important Resolution on the question whether the right to make Wills should be extended to Burmese Buddhists. The Lieutenant-Governor concurs in the opinion of the Judges of the Chief Court and the majority of the senior officials that it is inadvisable at present to confer upon Burmese Buddhists the power of disposing of property by Will, but he does not wish to indicate the opinion that power should be permanently withheld.

THE OUTLOOK IN COTTON.

THE AMERICAN CROP OUTPUT.

Scheme to Inflate Prices.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, NOVEMBER 24.

Advices from New Orleans state that the Farmers' Union will submit to the farmers a plan to reduce the acreage under cotton in 1908 in order to secure fifteen cents per pound, and to withhold from four to six million bales of 1907 cotton until fifteen cents are obtained.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 25.

The scheme of the Farmers' Union to raise the price of cotton to fifteen cents per pound will be submitted to a Congress of Growers at Memphis on January 7th.

ACCIDENT TO MR. LLOYD-GEORGE.

A Motor and a Bad Road.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 25.

Mr. Lloyd-George was motoring from Manchester to London yesterday, when a sudden jolt on a rough road near Lichfield threw him against the glass windscreen and his left eye-led was cut open. A local doctor put several stitches in the wound and Mr. Lloyd-George proceeded on his journey.

MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Sir Henry Colvile Killed.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 25.

Sir H. B. Rawlinson, while motoring yesterday, collided at cross roads near Frimley with Major-General Sir Henry Colvie who was motor-cycling. Sir Henry Colvile succumbed to his injuries.

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

Four Hours' Fighting.

MULEY HAFID DEFEATED.

MAZAGAN RE-OCCUPIED.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 25.

Twenty-five of the Beninassen tribesmen were killed and many wounded in the fight with the French expedition.

It is confirmed that Muley Hafid's force was defeated to the southward of Mogador, losing 67 killed and 35 wounded and 200 rifles. The loyalists' casualties were thirteen in number.

A Sherefian force was sent by sea and has re-occupied Mazagan without opposition from Muley Hafid. It was welcomed by the officials.

THE SALVATION ARMY ABROAD.

Help for Famine Sufferers.

FRESH WORK IN JAVA.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 25.

The Salvation Army Headquarters is arranging to raise £5,000 to buy grain for sale to the starving in India.

At the request of the Government of Java the Salvation Army will take charge of the criminal, pauper and leper populations.

A member of the Salvation Army, now in Argentina who has contracted leprosy, will proceed to Java to work among the lepers.

POLITICS IN PORTUGAL.

Revolutionaries Active.

CROWN PRINCE'S BANISHMENT DENIED.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 25.

Official telegrams from Lisbon deny the banishment of the Crown Prince.

ARMY APPOINTMENT.

New Q.-M.-G.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 24.

Major-General Niles, Director of Recruiting, will succeed General Sir William Nicholson as Quarter-Master-General of the Forces.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Refuses Renomination.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 24.

President Roosevelt has instructed his Ministers to warn their subordinates not to pursue the campaign for his renomination.

LOCUSTS IN ARGENTINA.

Exaggerated Reports.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 24.

Official advices from Buenos Ayres state that the reports regarding the invasion of locusts are exaggerated and that no serious damage has been done to the crops.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 25.

Marylebone has defeated New South Wales by 406 runs. Marylebone in their second innings made 301 runs, while New South Wales made 96.

THE IN-COMING MAIL

ADEN, NOVEMBER 24.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. "Peninsular" with the English Mails of the 15th inst left here for Bombay at 4 p. m. to-day and s. s. "Mongolia" left for Colombo and Australia also at 4 p. m. to-day.

MUTINY VETERANS IN AUSTRALIA.

Special Federal Banquet.

MEMORIES OF LUCKNOW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, NOVEMBER 24.

Telegrams from Melbourne state that Mr. Ewing, the Federal Minister of Defence, gave a banquet to eighty Crimea and Mutiny Veterans.

Lord Northcote and Mr. Deakin were present.

Lieutenant DeCartaret who served in the Mutiny under Sir Colin Campbell spoke to the party who afterwards witnessed a realistic representation of the relief of Lucknow in the grounds of the Exhibition Buildings.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE AT LUCKNOW.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 25.

A Commemoration Service of the final relief of Lucknow was held yesterday evening at Christ Church, Civil Lines. The church was crowded and not a seat was vacant, amongst those present being Sir John and Lady and Miss Hewett. Special psalms were sung. The hymns were :—"All People that on Earth do Dwell," "Oh God our Help" and "Now Thank We All our God." The text taken by Reverend Cowley, the Chaplain, was from Jeremiah, chapter four, verse three. "The Jews," said the preacher "were in great distress and the Lord their God told them to put away their abominations and return to Him and then they would have peace and prosperity. What had brought peace and prosperity to England but the Bible and the fear of God? What was India fifty years ago and what is she now? She had prospered under the British Rule, for Britons had been guided by God. Fifty years ago there was a Mutiny and bloodshed almost throughout India. Here in Lucknow men and women were shut up in the Residency suffering the greatest hardships. On November 19th came the relieving Column under Colin Campbell and on the 24th the great mutiny hero, Sir Henry Havelock died at Dilkush and his body was carried to Alumbagh for interment, The preacher exhorted the congregation to live as Havelock lived, who for forty years so ruled his life that when his hour came he was ready to meet the great Captain and did not fear death.

THE KAISER IN ENGLAND.

Stay Prolonged.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, NOVEMBER 25.

The Kaiser is prolonging his stay in England. He attended a crowded village church at Highcliffe.

THE AYLING CASE.

Ten Years' Imprisonment.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 25.

A telegram from Edinburgh states that Ayling has received ten years' imprisonment.

THE RAILWAY AMALGAMATION.

Madras Railway Men's Services Retained.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, NOVEMBER 25.

The Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company has issued a circular to the members of his staff to the effect that he has been authorized by the Secretary of State for India to continue up to 30th June 1908 with either the South India Railway or the Southern Mahratta Railway the services of all members of the staff, except those whose services would in any case be terminated on account of age or inefficiency, upon the same terms and under the same agreements as they are now serving the Madras Railway Company, the provident fund, etc. continuing as at present until that date.

DECENTRALISATION COMMISSION.

Further Evidence Taken.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

MADRAS, NOVEMBER 25.

When the Decentralisation Commission resumed its sitting at 10-30 this morning, Lieutenant-Colonel Thomson, I. M. S., Sanitary Commissioner, who was examined by the Chairman, handed in a statement showing the organisation of his Department. Witness afterwards was examined by the different members. Then the Hon'ble Dr. A. G. Bourne, F. R. S., Director of Public Instructions was examined by the Chairman.

THE RELEASE OF LAJPAT-RAI.

Meeting of Sympathy.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, NOVEMBER 25.

A public meeting was held on the Madras Beach on Saturday evening under the presidency of Mr. G. Subramania Iyer to express joy at the release of Mr. Lala Lajpat Rai and Sirdar Ajit Singh. The following resolution was proposed by Ragunatha Row and carried :—"That this meeting of the citizens of Madras, while heartily rejoicing over the return of Mr. Lala Lajpat Rai and Sirdar Ajit Singh it believes that not until the regulation, now in force authorising arbitrary deportation is repealed can freedom of person be looked upon as guaranteed to the people of India under the British rule."

THE AGITATION AGAINST OCTROI.

Madras Joins its Voice.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, NOVEMBER 25.

The Madras Trades Association has intimated that the protest of the Punjab Trades Association against octori taxation in Simla and Lahore has its sympathetic support ; that it considers the tax objectionable in many respects.

H.M.S. "PERSEUS."

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, NOVEMBER 25.

H.M.S. "Perseus" has sailed for Colombo en route to Bombay where she will be dry-docked for minor repairs. During their stay in Rangoon the crew made themselves very popular by their social attainments and exemplary conduct.

Brigadier General Fenton, commanding in Rangoon, went aboard the cruiser yesterday and bid farewell to Captain Christian, her Commander.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY STRIKE.

NO ABATEMENT.

Board of Conciliation.

Press Comment.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAWNPORE, NOVEMBER 24.

At 7 o'clock this evening the Railway Station presented a scene of great excitement over the District Magistrate's interview with the strikers who were asked to sign a declaration guaranteeing that there would be no violence or attempt to molest Native Drivers of foreign lines. The men declined to sign such a guarantee inasmuch as their attitude had hitherto been very peaceful, and they told the District Magistrate that if he could not accept their word of honour—particularly of men of 30 and 40 years' service, whose integrity has never been questioned—there was no need of their signatures. The men refused to sign apprehending that such a declaration would be used to induce Drivers of foreign lines to work trains and any attempt to obstruct them would, in view of such a declaration, render them amenable to law and would be, as suggested, tantamount to binding the men over to keep the peace. The District Magistrate eventually accepted their word of honour not to molest any one.

The men were also asked to promise to run Mails as Postal Specials.

A mass meeting of over a 100 Loco and Traffic men was held this evening at which the men resolved to stand firm, re-affirming their steadfastness pending authentic advice from Asansol from which station no wires have been received since 4 a.m. yesterday, the latest advices stating that victory was in sight and the men all firm.

It is believed that the wires to and from Asansol are being suppressed as three and four wires used to be received daily whereas there has been only one wire to hand since yesterday.

Nor has any confirmation of Guard Engleken's dismissal been verified.

A wire received from Allahabad to-day confirmed the opinion that there is something amiss in telegraphic communication. This is borne out by the fact that after the meeting on Friday with the District Loco Superintendent who wired that the men here are very firm, a wire was received from Tundla asking if the message from the Loco and Traffic, Ulanapur, was correct. A reply was sent to the effect that the report is groundless.

A wire alleged to have come from Allahabad today at 2-30 to the effect that three Mail Drivers had resumed work was sent round to all the Loco. men here to sign, and on reference to Allahabad the following reply was received : "Ignore official wires. Mail men here standing firm. Be staunch." All the men here saw this and signified their adherence, with the remark that Cawnpore was as firm as the rock of Gibraltar.

It is also stated that the alleged wire from Asansol on Friday to the effect that the strike is over and that the men have resumed work was absolutely false. And a later wire from Asansol stated that the men there were firm and that a big meeting was to be held that day.

It is also stated that a bogus wire was sent to the Bengal and North-Western Railway from Cawnpore that the men had resumed work.

It is also said that the official statement to the effect that as the Down line was blocked the Officers want all the Down trains to proceed first, is sheer nonsense, as the Down line on which all the Mail and Passenger trains are received is quite clear.

At a meeting held this evening, the men while regretting that owing to late advice they had not struck on the 18th, regard it as fortunate since all the traffic ended here and has since been held up, and assert that as the Railway Stock is held up here, the Cawnpore men will not resume work before Allahabad can start a train and wish it to be understood that they are firmer than ever and will not stir till advised by Asansol to do so.

It is said that there is no truth in the report that a Driver was shot at and another thrown into a tank and the men repudiate the surmise of the "Times" that this strike is to a great extent due to the recent strike at Home ; while as a matter of fact the present agitation has been going on secretly for several months past.

It is reported that the men of the Bengal and North-Western Railway have resolved to-night to go on strike.

Two Mills here are at a stand-still for want of coal.

LATER.

At 7-15 to-night a Special Mail train left for Tundla under Military escort. One Lance-Corporal and three privates of the Middlesex Regiment with the Loco. Inspector as a driver and guard said to be non-striker. At 8-15 the Special Passenger train arrived from Tundla with the Loco. Inspector as driver.

A wire received at noon to-day from Gya states :—"Beware of bogus messages. All standing firm. The stringency in the coal supply is being seriously felt here, the mills buying in local markets at double the usual rate."

Mr. H. D. Allen of Messrs. Cooper Allen, and Co., who was amongst the passengers detained at Asansol, arrived here yesterday. While at Asansol he used influence to induce the men to resume work and almost succeeded but for Guard Angelken and ten others who were obdurate. In view of the great influence Mr. Allen enjoys it is a pity he wasn't deputed, while on the spot, by the Upper India Chamber of Commerce to represent officially the interest of Upper India.

CALCUTTA, NOVEMBER 25.

Messrs Allen, Dumayne and Monteath proceeded to Kharajpur yesterday afternoon and the *Englishman* reports the receipt of a telegram from them this morning to the effect that as the result of a meeting last night the Guards of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway resume duty immediately.

The principal developments in connection with the East Indian Railway strike to-day are that the Allahabad Mail Drivers have resumed work and that the strikers have been informed definitely that Guard Engleken will not, under any circumstances, be taken back.

The Punjab Mail arrived here by main line this morning. Five Goods trains got through from upcountry to the docks yesterday and a similar number were despatched. A regular train service is now being maintained on the lower portions of the line, but up-country matters remain unchanged and the strikers are firm.

The General Traffic Manager of the E.I.Railway (Mr. Huddlestone) came down here by the Punjab Mail to-day and left late in the morning by train after consulting the Agent.

No information is yet available regarding the proposed Conciliation Board, but little doubt is felt in Commercial circles that the Government of India will agree, in which case the natural arrangement would be for the Commercial community to appoint one member and the Railway Board or the Government of India another.

The complete disorganisation of the business of Calcutta which has resulted from the East Indian Railway strike brings into prominence the need of some such alternative means of communication with Upper India as would have been afforded by the scheme for the connection of the narrow-gauge system north of the Ganges with this Port.

LATER.

It is now reported that the men on strike on the Bengal Nagpur Railway have consented to work for a week while their grievances are being considered. If the decision is then unfavourable they say they will again strike.

LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 25.

Although an attempt was made to send the Mails through by the usual route from here to Calcutta it failed apparently as the Mails are now being sent by the Darjeeling line. Some passengers, however, who arrived here yesterday from Howrah, have got through to Moghul Serai and thence by the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway.

There were no trains yesterday between Allahabad and Cawnpore and the strikers at the latter place are very firm.

Great confusion reigns here. This morning copies of the "Empire" and the "Englishman" were received of Monday and Saturday last. Letters also are hopelessly mixed up. A copy of the "Rangoon Times," dated November 12th arrived as against the English Mails of November 8th.

Losses to business firms must be great.

Opinion here favours a Board of Conciliation and Government intervention and the strike must be brought to an end speedily now.

B.-N. R. STRIKE.

CALCUTTA, NOVEMBER 25.

The Guards on the Bengal-Nagpur Railway who struck on Saturday all resumed work early this morning. Their Delegates have just been having another interview with the Agent at Garden Reach.

A WARNING TO O. AND R. RAILWAY.

LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 25.

The "Indian Daily Telegraph" publishes a warning from a correspondent to the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway to enquire into the demands of its employes ere the men grow unanimous in their demand as in the case of the East Indian Railway. The warning says that scouts are out and have passed through three junctions of the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway on their way to other lines and some are loitering on the Oudh and Rohilkhand line. Natives as well as Europeans are required to declare solemn unity and are told that the distress of thousands of railway men will be put an end to by a midnight standstill. The reply given to the Oudh and Rohilkhand European drivers has led to dissatisfaction. Major MacElbinny, the Acting Manager, is an officer to be trusted, but there must be a bold effort if the strike is to be averted.

RANGOON, NOVEMBER 25.

There are persistent rumours, which are given for what they are worth, of a fresh and very serious development in the Railway Strike in India which threatens to paralyse the whole of India and Burma.

RANGOON, NOVEMBER 25.

Anent the telegram which was wired to you regarding the expected serious development in connection with the Railway strike in India, the following significant passage appears in this evening's editorial of "Rangoon Times :—

"Rumour has it that a strike amongst the telegraph employes of the Central Offices, Calcutta, is likely to be witnessed and, if this is correct, there will probably be grave trouble. It is stated that a Press correspondent at Calcutta has had certain portions of his message relating to this matter suppressed and that the directors are now sitting at Calcutta with certain members of the Signalling Establishment discussing various questions relating to the grievances of the staff. The issue is awaited by the other Presidency offices, whose action will be based accordingly. We also hear that the General Secretary of the Telegraph Memorial Committee has sent the following message to the Director-General of Telegraphs and a copy to the "P. S. V." on behalf of the Subordinate Signalling Staff who respectfully beg information regarding the general memorial recently submitted to His Excellency and earnestly pray that the report of the Telegraph Commission be given publication.

*"We learn from private telegrams that the wildest excitement prevails in Cacutta, Karachi and Madras as well as Rangoon offices today and it is reported that the men from their disappointment at the failure of previous memorials and probably the blasting of their prospects as set forth by the Commission are ready to join any movement by which their grievances might be righted.

CONCILIATION BOARD.

To be Appointed if Work is Resumed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, NOVEMBER 25.

The following Press Communique was issued yesterday (Monday,) afternoon :—

The Government of India have received the following resolution from the Bengal Chamber of Commerce :—

Resolved with the agreement of Mr. W. A. Dring, the Agent of the East Indian Railway, that the Government of India be requested to forthwith notify that a Board of Conciliation will be appointed upon the lines of the Boards about to be constituted in England to decide the matters in issue between the Railway Administration and its employes. The notification should specify the constitution of the Board, especially with reference to the representations of the employes. The Board to be promptly constituted after the men resume duty."

The Government of India are prepared to appoint a Board of Conciliation to settle the disputes existing on the East Indian Railway if the staff now on strike resume duty and if they and the Railway Administration are willing to submit their differences to settlement by such a Board. The constitution of the Board of Conciliation would be as follows :—The Chairman of the Railway Board, the Chairman of the Bengal chamber of Commerce three officers of the East Indian Railway, three delegates representing the employes.

(Sd.) F. R. UPCOTT,
Chairman of the Railway Board.

POLICE TENT ON FIRE AT POONA.

Mrs. Corby's Narrow Escape.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, NOVEMBER 25.

A large tent pitched in the Police Lines a Bamburda and occupied by Mr. Corby of the Poona Police took fire mysteriously last night and before Mr. and Mrs. Corby could realize what had happened or any help could be given the tent was ablaze. A packet of two currency notes of the value of Rs. 200 was placed on a table and Mrs. Corby in endeavouring to secure it while the tent was aflame unfortunately got her skirt on fire. She was unable to rush out of the tent, but a native police constable pluckily dashed in to her rescue and carried her out smothering the flames on her dress at the same time. The total loss is estimated at Rs. 10,000.

THE COLABA FIRE.

The Engineers' Widows and Families.

We have received the following on behalf of the widows and orphans of the Parsi Engineers, Messrs. Gora and Karanjia, who lost their lives in the recent fire at Colaba :—

H. E. Sir G. Clarke	Rs. 50
Mr. P. F. Fischer	Rs. 25
Mr. E. F. Allum	Rs. 20

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—I send herewith Rs. 50 (fifty) from H. E. the Governor for the families of the Parsi Engineers, Gora and Karanjia, who lost their lives in the recent fire at Colaba.

His Excellency thinks that the fine example of devotion to duty shown by these two men deserves to be remembered and constitutes a strong claim on the Public of Bombay for the relief of their families —Yours, &c.,

Sd. J. E. GREIG, Captain,
Military Secretary to H. E. the Governor.

MR. UNWIN is publishing a Colonial edition of a new work by Major Martin Hume, perhaps the most distinguished living authority on Spanish history. It is entitled "The Court of Phillip IV ; Spain in Decadence," and it is an attempt to depict in its human aspect the life of the monarch who has been immortalized by the genius of Velasquez. It is the true inner history of the decadent King and his artistic and poetic Court that Major Hume now tells for the first time, from sources, largely manuscript, and all contemporary, hitherto unused for the purpose by English writers. Major Hume has been at work upon the volume for many years, and has produced a notable contribution to history, which cannot fail to attract attention.

MADAME ALBANI.

Concert at Secunderabad.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, NOVEMBER 25.

Of the great musical event with which Secunderabad was favoured by Madame Albani and her supporting artistes at the Laik-ud-Dowlah Theatre, on Saturday night, little can be said from a correspondent's point of view, the highest encomiums of the Press having been already pronounced. Suffice it to say that Madame Albani's singing is as sweet and as charming as it was years ago.

On Saturday night she met with an exceedingly enthusiastic reception. The Residency party consisted of the Resident, Mrs. and Miss Bayley, General Sir J. Wolfe-Murray, and the elite of Society were present. At 9-30 p.m. every seat in the theatre had its occupant when the concert commenced. Miss Myrtle Meggy and Mr. H. Wood opened the programme with a duet for piano and violin and were warmly applauded. Mr. Green, an excellent tenor, followed, receiving an encore. Miss Meggy's pianoforte solo "Rhapsodie Hongroise No 12" was played without a note of music in front of her, was brilliantly executed and deservedly encored and responded to. Madame Albani next made her appearance and the outburst of enthusiasm which greeted her lasted for a considerable time. The song, Mozart's "Camero," was divine, Mr. Haydn Wood playing the violin obligato exquisitely. Mr. W. Green's splendid tenor voice shone out well in his several songs, notably in the "Sally in our ally" and "Come into the garden, Maud." Mr. Flint as an accompanist proved himself a highly accomplished musician. Every song and solo was encored and ungrudgingly responded to. Madame Albani's "Home sweet Home" and her singing "God save the King" closed the programme.

PUNJAB UNIVERSITY SYNDICATE.

Election to Different Faculties.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, NOVEMBER 25.

The various Faculties of the Punjab University have been announced to meet this week in order to elect their Syndicate for the year 1908. The Faculty of Oriental Training will elect four, the Faculty of Arts four, the Faculties of Law and Medicine two each, and Faculty of Science three Syndics.

A combined meeting of the Faculties of Science, Art and Oriental Learning has also been called to elect the Boards of Studies. Duties of an important character fall to be discharged by these Boards. They have to recommend the courses of study and reading ; to have, where necessary, model papers for the guidance of examiners to suggest in its special subjects and to consider and determine, in consultation with the examiner, all objections raised by condidates or by the Head of any affiliated or recognised educational institution to questions set at any examination held by the University. These Boards are also required to act as Consultative bodies in regard to all questions referred to them and may bring to the notice of the Faculty or the Faculties concerned any matters connected with the examinations in their special subjects. Nearly one-fifth of the Senate will have no voice not only in the election of the Syndicate but also in the constitution of the Boards of Studies owing to vacancies in that body.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

BOMBAY BRIGADE ORDERS.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

The following arrivals and departures are published :—

NORTHERN ARMY.

Arrivals.—Lieutenant O. Symons, Gloster Regiment, Lieutenant-Col. P. B. Warren, 3rd Brahmans, arrived and landed *ex* S. S. "Oriental," on 15th November ; Captain F. Skipwith, 5th Gurkhas, Lieut.-Col. H. F. Waldron, 16th Cavalry, Major-Genl. R. B. Adams, I. A., arrived and landed *ex* S. S. "Africa," on 19th November ; Colonel E. T. Gastrell, I. A., arrived and landed *ex* S. S. "Delhi," on 18th November ; Colonel R. G. Egerton, Guides, Lieut. M. T. Cramer-Roberts, 4th Gurkhas, Colonel G. B. Unwin, 21st Cavalry, Arrived and landed *ex* S. S. "Circassia," on 20th November ; Captain F T. Duhan, 19th Punjabis, Captain W. W. MacGregor, Gordon Highlanders, Lieut. V.V. Sandiford, 62nd Punjabis, Major E. G. Vaughan, Supply and Transport Corps, Captain A. G. Pritchard, 2nd Lancers, Major H. A. H. Thompson, 1st Gurkhas, Captain H. C. Wicks, Seaforth Highlanders, Bt.-Colonel H. Bower, 17th Cavalry, arrived and landed *ex* S. S. "Marmora," on 22nd November ; Col. G. A. Williams, Military Accounts Department, Lieut. C. Cobb, 29th Punjabis, Captain F. E. G. Talbot, 14th Sikhs, Captain C. E. Harrison, Rifle Brigade, Major G. F. MacMunn, R. F. A., Colonel A. A. J. Johnstone, 58th Rifles, Lieut. E. A. Gainsford, R. G. A., Lieut. M. A. Girdlestone, 41st Dogras, Lieut. E. A. Maude, 26th Punjabis, Major L. B. Walton, 26th Punjabis, Captain A. R. Harman, Rifle Brigade, Captain H. A. Holdich, 5th Gurkhas, Captain A. F. C. Williams, 31st Lancers, arrived and landed *ex* S. S. "Trafford Hall" on 23rd November.

Departures.—Lieut. C. H. Turner, R. Warwick Regiment, Captain T. J. Willans, 59th Rifles, Major A. M. Tabor, 3rd Hussars, Lieut.-Colonel E. H. Brown, I.M.S., per S.S. "Egypt," on 23rd November.

SOUTHERN ARMY.

Arrivals.—Lieut. E. Marsden, 64th Pioneers, Captain Mc V. Crichton, 103rd Lt. Infantry, arrived and landed, *ex* S.S. "Egypt" on 8th November; Lieut.-Colonel H. B. Acton, J. A. G.'s Department, Major C. E. Macquoid, 20th Deccan Horse, Captain E. L. Popham, 26th P. W. O. Lt. Cavalry, arrived and landed *ex* S.S. "Africa" on 19th November; Lieut.-Colonel W. S. Delamain, 123rd O. Rifles, Lieut. E. G. Phythian-Adams, 80th Infantry, arrived and landed *ex* S.S. "Circassia" on 20th November; Lieut. T. Nisbet, 28th Light Cavalry, Captain E. W. Conway Gordon, 3rd Skinners Horse, Major H. J. M. Marshall, R. E., Captain G. A. F. Sanders, Staff, Lieut. H. D. MacCall, 33rd Punjabis, arrived and landed *ex* S.S. "Marmora" on 22nd November; Major H. G. Walker, 109 Infantry, Lieut. H. V. Lane, 1st Brahmans, Lieut. G. S. P. Kendall, 61st Pioneers, arrived and landed *ex* S.S. "Trafford" Hall" on 23rd November.

Departure.—Major F. L. Vincent, 37th Lancers, per S.S. "Egypt" on 23rd November. Captain H. A. L. Hepper, R. E. per S.S. "Olympia" on 16th November.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, NOVEMBER 25.

Captain Mowbray of the 110th Mahrattas is permitted to exchange with Captain Bowden of the Suffolk Regiment, Captain Mowbray is posted to the 1st Battalion at Malta.

Major Gogarty, Royal Scots Fusiliers, has been selected for appointment as General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, at Malta.

Sanction has been given for employment of Lieutenant Hewitt, 2nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers with the Sierra Leone Adjutancy, Middlesex Imperial Yeomanry.

Approval has been given to the resignation of his commission by Lieutenant Woolhouse, Essex Regiment.

Captain Lewis, 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment has been selected for appointment to the Army Ordnance Department.

Lieutenant Colonel Askwith is posted to the 9th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, on promotion.

Major Stockley, Royal Field Artillery, is posted to the 3rd Battery, Royal Field Artillery, at Meerut, and 2nd Lieutenant Mariner and Brooke, Royal Field Artillery, to the 28th and 23rd Batteries, Royal Field Artillery respectively.

Brevet Colonel Headlam, J. Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, is transferred to V. Battery, Royal Horse Artillery.

SANCTION has been given to the purchase, when funds are available, of a motor car at a cost not exceeding Rs. 7,500 for the use of the Commissioner of the Delhi Division, on the understanding that it shall be placed at the disposal of the Viceroy and any official visitor of rank not lower than the Lieutenant-Governor of a province, when such high official may happen to visit Delhi.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

TARIFF REVISION IN FRANCE.

(FROM AUSTRALIAN PAPERS.)

London, November 9.

The Paris "Temps" attacks the Parliamentary Customs Committee for having requested the suspension of all negotiations with respect to foreign commercial agreements until the tariff had been revised. The "Temps" declares that the action of the Committee is unconstitutional.

The Tariff Question.

MR. ASQUITH'S CHALLENGE.

Mr. W. A. S. Hewins, Secretary of the Tariff Commission, in a letter to the "Times," some days ago, declared that he was perfectly prepared to accept the tariff question challenge issued by Mr. H. H. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, provided Mr. Asquith stated definitely and concisely the arguments and statistics upon which he relied.

Mr. Asquith has now published a reply to Mr. Hewins, in which he intimates that his arguments were clearly and repeatedly stated in his speeches during the fiscal controversy. He adds that his time is so fully occupied that he does not feel called upon to accede to the suggestion to re-state and summarise them for Mr. Hewins's use.

Mr. Hewins and Preferential Trade.

London, November 9.

Mr. Hewins in a further statement on the tariff question says that Mr. Asquith's argument are not supported by evidence. He holds that while the schemes for trade preference submitted at the Colonial Conference were supported by Tariff Commission tables it is unnecessary to secure absolute arithmetical equality of treatment of all the colonies and still less of all the interests of each colony. He considers however that it is necessary to arrange such concessions as will justify and make practicable reciprocal concessions to the Motherland making the Empire largely self-supporting.

Mr. H. H. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking at Leven, in Fife, said that the disclosures made at the Colonial Conference and the Australian tariff had, combined, enormously strengthened the Free Trade policy in Great Britain. He challenged the Tory leaders to answer plainly if, in order to obtain colonial preference they were ready to tax foreign corn, meat, wood, and wool. If Mr. Arthur Bal four replied "no," he would doom his authority with his party, and if he replied "yes" he would doom the fortunes of his party. That was rather a sordid spectacle.

Views of the Cape Premier.

In unveiling a bust of the late Mr. Cecil Rhodes at Grahamtown yesterday. Dr. Jameson, the Premier of Cape Colony, said that although the colonies had received a slap in the face, preferential trade within the Empire would come as sure as fate. Meanwhile, South Africa would on her part continue to grant preference until the Motherland realised i's inevitability.

The Victorian Budget.

CRITICISM BY THE "ECONOMIST."

The "Economist" publishes an interesting reply by the Victorian Government to the comments published in that journal upon the Victorian budget. "The revenue," the "Economist" declared, "was deliberately under-estimated, in order to show a large surplus, which was expended for purposes that ought to have been provided for. Any treasurer is able to dazzle the public by means of deferred expenditure budgets."

It is now admitted by the "Economist" that the excellent use made of the surplus revenue blunts the force of its criticisms.

Rugby Football.

THE NEW ZEALANDERS DEFEATED.

The New Zealand team of professional footballers suffered their first defeat to-day. They were opposed by the Wigan team, who scored four tries (twelve points) to the New Zealanders' one goal two tries (eight points). There were 20,000 spectators, and both sides had their strongest players in the field. Wigan held the lead from the start, scoring two tries in the first half to the visitors' one. The pace was tremendous throughout.

FIRE IN A MILL GODOWN.

Rs. 32,000 Damages.

About one o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the cotton-waste godown of the Empress Mill at Chinchpoogly.

The gateman at the main entrance to the extensive compound in which the group of seven mills managed by Messrs. Greaves, Cotton and Co. are situate heard the alarm and saw the blaze in the midst of this colony of mills. It was soon ascertained that a godown attached to the Empress Mill, where waste cotton was stored, had caught fire, Intimation was given to the Fire Brigade, and the Chinchpoogly, Byculla and Gwalia Tank fire engines soon repaired to the scene, and the other engines were ready to start, but only the Chinchpookly engine was brought into requisition.

The godown where the fire broke out is in close proximity to the main buildings of the Empress Mill on one side, and on the other sides are the godowns and main buildings of the other mills, namely, the Connaught, the New Empress, the Howard and Bulough Mills, &c.

The energies of all concerned were therefore directed to confining the fire to that godown only and it was not allowed to spread to the adjoining buildings. The combustible nature of property made it impossible to save any part of the contents of the godown, and the loose cotton burnt for nearly five hours. At five o'clock the Fire-Brigade reduced the number of hose and at 6-20 the engine withdrew.

It was then discovered that out of Rs. 32,000 worth of cotton only Rs. 4,000 worth of property was saved, but that too was damaged by the water. Luckily the godown is a *pukka* built building with corrugated iron-sheet roof, and hence the check on the fire spreading to the neighbouring buildings. The damage is estimated at Rs. 32,000, which is covered by insurance.

The cause of the fire is not known but it is believed to be spontaneous combustion.

MR. J. T. FARRANT, Superintending Engineer, is appointed to officiate as Chief Engineer and Secretary to the Government of the Punjab Building and Roads Branch, Public Works Department.

THERE was a sad fatality in connection with the stoppage of the electric current supply in Bombay on Sunday evening. An enterprising lizard, discovering a likely hunting ground for flies amongst the generating machinery, made an adventurous journey along one of the high tension cables. At the particular spot these cables run side by side and the lizard found it had taken the wrong road. To leap across to the next cable after (it may reasonably be presumed) an appetising *hors d'œuvre* was the work of a moment. This ends the story of the lizard for in so doing it made a short circuit. Today the lizard is far from well and its continued existence depends entirely on a bottle of spirit. Little causes often have large effects. On this occasion it necessitated pulling out a switch and, the cause being so small, it was a few minutes before it could be discovered that nothing serious had happened and that the machinery—which was not stopped—was still in perfect order. Actually the switch was out for about five minutes and the extra delay in the resumption of the current supply was due to the necessity of resetting the switches in the sub-stations. "First aid" to the lizard was promptly administered.

UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

A NATIONAL SOLDIERY.

Murray Waters.

TROPICAL DISEASES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

[*]MELBOURNE, NOVEMBER 11.

The Minister of Defence, in consultation with the Prime Minister, is preparing a scheme for the complete reorganisation of the Commonwealth military forces. When Mr. Hughes's motion for the introduction of a system of compulsory military training was before the House of Representatives Mr. Ewing admitted that the present system was a failure ; that it was unsatisfactory to think that Australia, with a population of four millions, possessed a force of less than 20,000 trained men. He promised to thoroughly investigate the whole of the circumstances and to evolve some scheme of compulsion which might prove acceptable to Parliament and the people, and at the same time provide Australia with a citizen army of something like adequate dimensions. His plans are now maturing and it is probable that ere many weeks elapse he will submit comprehensive proposals for the consideration of the Cabinet. Ever since Mr. Ewing has held office as Defence Minister he has had brought under his notice the decadence of the volunteer movement. Reports were obtained from each State Commandant, and they submitted unanimous recommendations in favor of the conversion of voluteers into militia. No action has been taken in respect to these recommendations, as under the Ministers' scheme both the volunteer and militia forces will cease to exist, and their place will be taken by a national militia. The scheme prepared by Mr. Deakin and Mr. Ewing follows upon these lines. Beginning with the school boys, the cadet system will be made practically compulsory. The training of the cadets will consist chiefly of exercises which will lead to sound physical development, instruction in the use of the rifle, and an elementary knowledge of drill. The senior cadet movement also will be greatly expanded, lads between the ages of 15 and 18 being drafted into this branch of the service. Then will come the national militia, comprising all physically fit young men in the Commonwealth, between the ages of 18 and 21 or 22 years. In this way it is expected that within twelve months Australia will have 100,000 of the flower of the young nation passing through a course of physical development and military training. It might seem at first glance that such a scheme would entail upon the Commonwealth.

A HEAVY FINANCIAL BURDEN.

It is not so. The cadets, of course, are always a cheaply maintained body. With the abolition of the militia, as we know it at present, and the payment per annum to each member of it of at least £6, a fairly large sum will be available to meet the cost of the national force. The allowances to members of the national militia will be extremely low, and the aggregate cost therefore should not greatly exceed the present vote. The idea is that each unit should be required to put in sixteen drills per annum, just as the militiaman has to do at present, to earn his capitation allowance. These drills may be spread over whole day or half day parades, or count attendances. Special emphasis, however, will be laid on the necessity of every national soldier completing his musketry course. At present only 33 per cent. of our soldiers can shoot straight. It is intended that the national soldier shall devote more of his time to musketry practice, so that a better percentage of marksmen may be obtained. It may be said, what is to happen to the adult male population ? In course of time everyone will have passed through the cadets force, and will have spent three years in the national soldiery. Afterwards they will be encouraged to join rifle clubs.

In this connection the scheme initiated by Major Boam, and brought to a successful issue by Colonel Wallack, will play an important part. As has already been explained, it provides for the voluntary training of riflemen in useful field manœuvres, particularly in field firing. The State Commandants are now arranging with the various rifle clubs to bring this scheme into practical effect. The rifle clubs, therefore, will supply the reserve under the Ministers' scheme. Mr. Deakin and Mr. Ewing have spent a considerable time in working out the details of their proposals. No other plan has seemed to them so satisfactory. The scheme outlined promises to be cheap and effective, and bearing in mind the great increase in naval expenditure from this year onwards, it is doubtful if any other system would have been equally economical and at the same time acceptable. The reorganisation of the forces on the lines indicated will necessitate a complete revision of the military regulations. A bill also will have to be prepared embodying the

of manure and the present season is the second of cultivation trials. Last year of 40 different varieties of wheat Federation proved to be the best and this year the plots have been sown with Federation wheat and with wheats furnished by the farmers upon whose farms the plots have been secured. There will be a contrast between the result of the Federation crops and of fourteen different varieties supplied and grown by farmers under their own conditions. Allowing for the season the reports as to the Federation wheat are considered by the officers of the department to be thoroughly satisfactory. This wheat has received a severe test during the current season and its special characteristic of short straw and a minimum of flag have enabled it to withstand the dry conditions better than the longer and more flaggy varieties. Harvesting of this variety will begin about the second week in December. One advantage of it is that it ripens in mid-season and holds its grain well and thus fits in better with the general work of the farm.

GOVERNMENT PURCHASES JAPANESE GOODS.

Acting on the advice of the Assistant Controller-General (Mr. Lockyer), the Minister for Customs on Saturday authorised the seizure of a valuable collection of Japanese art goods and curios consigned to Mr. R. Mizutani, Japanese art collector, of Melbourne. The goods, which arrived in the steamer "Kumano Maru" some days ago, have been in bond, and consist of Japanese porcelain, old and modern Satsuma ware, hand cut brass and bronze ware, Cloisonne enamels, silk embroideries, wall hangings and screens and carved wood and ivory figures, many of which have been procured from ancient Japanese temples and museums, and some from the recent Tokio Exhibition. In all there are 55 cases of them, and they were invoiced at £550 value. Under section 161 of the Customs Act the department may take possession of any imported goods landed in the Commonwealth by paying their invoiced value, plus 10 per cent., and a refund of the duty paid thereon. Mr. Smart, the Victorian Collector of Customs, became suspicious a few days ago as to the value shown on Mr. Mizutani's invoices being correct, and ordered that the goods be inspected by expert valuers. The result was yesterday's seizure and the authorisation of a subsequent purchase. The whole of the goods have been removed to the King's warehouse, and will be submitted for sale by Messrs. Graham and Styles, auctioneers, in a few days. Although, taking the duty into consideration, the department will have to pay the value of the goods, plus 21 per cent., to Mr. Mizutani, it is expected that they will yield a profit to the revenue of some hundreds of pounds, as the experts say they comprise the finest collection of Japanese ware ever delivered in Australia.

THE QUARANTINED CAMELS.

Abraham Mahomet, who imported the shipment of camels which have been in quarantine at Port Hedland for the past seven months, returned to Fremantle in the s.s. "Ballarra," on Saturday. When seen by a representative of the "West Australian," he said that the statements that had been made about disease existing among the camels were all wrong. "My belief," he continued, "is that Dr. Cleland is absolutely wrong in saying that the camels have a touch of surra. I have just returned from Port Hedland, and am in a position after having watched the camels closely for four months, to say they are the healthiest camels in Australia. I purchased them in a portion of India where there are no signs of surra of the kind which Dr. Cleland says they are affected with. If they were infected with surra the two Government veterinary surgeons who examined them before they were shipped would not have passed them. The authorities in India are very particular in their examinations of camels, and will not let animals suffering from disease be exported, particularly to Australia. Mr. Ranford, the stock inspector, in charge of the camels at Port Hedland, told me that they were the best lot he had ever seen. A few of them, very few, are suffering from mange, but other camels in the district and in other parts of Western Australia are in a considerably worse state, besides suffering from sore backs. The Government, in my opinion, should give their attention to these camels. The statement that the quarantined camels are suffering from surra is all "rot," because the whole of them, close on 500, have greatly improved in condition and health since they were landed. During an outbreak of surra at Mauritius, a mob of 200 mules died in one week, but none of the camels at Port Hedland have died, and they are much freer from disease than others which are being worked in various parts of Western Australia. Many people at Port Hedland have bought camels on time payment, and they are afraid they will not be able to complete the payments if the animals now in quarantine are liberated. That accounts for many of the statements that have been made in regard to these particular camels. I have been told that the Government have arranged a Cabinet meeting for Tuesday to decide what further action shall be taken."

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

"Gazette of India" November 23.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mr S Ismay, CSI, to be an Additional Member of the Council of the Governor General for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations.

Nawab Bahadur Khwaja Salimulla of Dacca, CSI, to be an Additional Member of the Council of the Governor General for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations.

The Hon'ble Mr William Wilson Drew, of the Indian Civil Service, to be an Additional Member of the Council of the Governor General for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

The following transfers are made in the interests of the public service:—

(i) Mr G M Townshend, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Eastern Bengal and Assam, to the Central Provinces, on his return from leave.

(ii) Mr L E S Teague, Assistant Conservator of Forests from the Central Provinces to Eastern Bengal and Assam

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

The following substantive charges are ordered in the graded list of the Political Department (General Cadre):—

Consequent on the retirement of Lieutenant-Colonel M A Tighe, a Political Agent of the 3rd class, and with effect from the 2nd July.

Major H L Showers, CIE, a Political Agent of the 4th class, to be a Political Agent of the 3rd class.

Major F C Webb Ware, CIE, a Political Assistant of the 1st class, to be a Political Agent of the 4th class.

Captain H A K Gough, a Political Assistant of the 2nd class, to be a Political Assistant of the 1st class.

Captain G H Anderson, a Political Assistant of the 3rd class, to be a Political Assistant of the 2nd class.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr C O Slacke, Assistant Accountant General, Bengal, is granted privilege leave for three weeks with effect from the 23rd of October.

The services of Mr D Dewar, ICS, are replaced at the disposal of the Home Department with effect from the 1st of December.

Mr F C Harrison, ICS, on return from leave, resumed charge of the office of Accountant General, Bombay, the 8th November.

Mr W H Michael, ICS, is transferred to Lahore as Accountant General, Punjab, with effect from the 16th of November.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Mr H Tulloch, Deputy Postmaster-General, Bengal, is granted privilege leave for one month and eight days with effect from the 11th September.

Mr A E Boyd, an Assistant Collector in class IV (officiating in class III) of the Imperial Customs service, is granted privilege leave for one month with effect from the 26th October.

Mr H Lorimer is appointed to officiate as an Assistant Collector, class V, of the Imperial Customs Service, with effect from the 26th October during the absence on privilege leave of Mr A E Boyd; and is posted to Bombay.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SUPPLY.

The following appointments are made, vice Colonel E W S K Maconchy, D S O, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Military Supply, proceeding on combined leave, with effect from the 24th Nov:—

Major G A Roberston, 15th Lancers (Cureton's Multanis), Deputy Secretary, to officiate as Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Military Supply.

Major R F G Bond, Royal Engineers, Assistant Secretary to officiate as Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Military Supply, in addition to his own duties.

BEAUTY AND HYGIENE.

FOR Health, Beauty and Luxury, use the 'ALBION MILK and SULPHUR SOAP", which Lady Constance Howard writes,—"Is pleasant to use and whitens and softens the Skin." Also Testimonials from Countess Rothurst, Lady Waits, Viscountess Exmouth, Lady Dorothy Nevill and many others. Delicately perfumed. Warning:—When buying the "Albion Milk and Sulphur Soap" see that the Name and Figure head of "Albion" are on the wrapper. Sold by Chemists, Grocers etc.

FACTORY COMMISSION.

The Factory Labour Commission resumed its enquiry yesterday afternoon, at the Council Hall, Secretariat, the Hon'ble Mr. W. T. Morison presiding. The first examined was Mr. C. N. Wadia. He said he was of opinion that the physique of workers had not been affected by the hours worked, during his experience of 20 years of the cotton trade of Bombay. Prevention is always better than cure, however, and as no adult can physically work more than 12 hours in 24, he is of opinion that, seeing that there is no public opinion or unanimity amongst the workers, they should be guarded against themselves by limiting their hours. He thinks that the limit should be 12 hours of work in a day of 24 hours, and it would be advisable to prescribe that except when working by shifts, the legal working hours should be 12 for adults; that the engine should be stopped for half an hour between noon and 2 p. m.

Witness did not think any limitation as to working hours should be imposed on a factory working on the shift system, provided no adult male is allowed to work more than 12 out of every 24 hours therein. As far as he was aware, there had been no illegal employment as adults of persons between the ages of 12 and 14, and he does not think that any physical deterioration has taken place which would warrant the introduction of the so-called "young persons" class as under the English Act. He thinks that the employment of women at night, that is after 8 p.m., cannot be too stringently prohibited.

Witness thinks the minimum age at which children should be allowed to work in factories should be raised to 10 years. The certificates of both age and physical fitness should be required before children are allowed to work in factories. Similarly, when children who have hitherto worked half-time are allowed to work full-time as adults, he thinks that certificates of both age and physical fitness to work full-time should be required. Children should not be employed except in sets and in shifts and no half timers should be permitted to work continuously more than three hours at a stretch without a cessation of work for another three hours.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION.

He does not think that factory owners should be obliged to provide elementary education at their own expense for children working in their factories. He held that it is the duty of every Government to see that every citizen under its flag receives elementary education at Government expense.

In a cotton factory there are no dangerous or unhealthy parts, and therefore no prohibition is required against non-working young children entering any part of such a factory, on the score of health.

It is quite unnecessary to test samples of air taken from factories in India, or to prescribe an analytical standard of purity for air, for the reason that all mills in India are fitted with opening sashes whereas they are not in England. No special efforts are made to exclude cold air, as in English mills, and except in rare instances it is unnecessary to attempt a test of samples of air. Witness thinks it quite unnecessary to prescribe a standard of moisture for the air in factories. Moisture, due to Indian climatic conditions, can do no harm, but heavy steaming or moisture created by steam should be limited at the discretion of the Chief Inspector. He thinks it quite unnecessary to create a standard of purity for the water used for humidifying purposes.

Witness said that the difficulty connected with the number of latrines or urinals does not rest so much with the millowners as with the Municipality who habitually shirk part of their work in removing the refuse. The provision of more latrine accommodation than above stated would be unnecessary. Similarly with urinals. It is the Municipality or that particular public body charged with the removal that causes trouble in a mill. At the present stage urinals, the witness thinks, are unnecessary; but where drains are available, there would be no harm in making them compulsory. Witness sees no objection to appoint full-time Medical Inspectors of factories to assist the present Inspectors in securing the due observance of the Act. Such Inspectors should be paid by Government an adequate salary, and should not be allowed private practice. They ought not to receive any remuneration in any shape or form from mill-owners.

Cross-examined by the President, witness said he had experience of mills for the last twenty years. He is of opinion that the work of mill operatives should be limited to 12 hours. The so-called 13 and 14 or more hours, the witness said, was only a myth. Such work was not productive of any good, either to workmen or to masters of a mill.

The President:—Did you observe any improvement in the skill of the operatives during these years?

Witness:—Not very much.

Questioned as to the intemperate habits of the mill-hands, witness said that no doubt some of them drink country liquor and frequent toddy shops. He said that some of them used to save money and buy property in their villages.

The next witness examined was Mr. W. H. Brady of Messrs. Bradbury Brady & Co.

He said he was for 18 years connected with the mill industry in Bombay. The mill operatives worked from sunrise till sunset. The boys take longer hours for work than others. Witness said that instead of 12 the work should be restricted to 13 hours. He said that be observed some improvement in the skill of the operatives. There was no harm in raising the age of half-timers. Questioned by Dr. T. M. Nair, witness said there was combination amongst mill-operatives.

The Commission then adjourned till this afternoon.

EGYPTIAN COTTON AUCTIONS.

There is a considerable amount of interest in the sales of Egytain cotton this year says the "Sind Gazette" of Nov. 22, not only on account of the requirements in other parts of India of this valuable commodity, but because an idea has somehow got about that the year's results are to decide whether Egyptains are to live or not! The boll-worm is of course the bogie, but as it has attacked Sindhi and Egyptain cotton alike it would appear to be merely a question of highest cultivating profits and difference of staple, in which it is most unlikely that the inferior will win. Any how we may count on a considerable assembly at Mirpurkhas on the 23rd instant, when the late Judge of Hyderabad will mount the rostrum in his new capacity of Colonization Officer and auctioneer. We also hear that Mr. Mackenzie is likely to be present to see whether his last year's price of 9 1/4d. at home can be reached. Up to very lately the injury from the boll-worm was not severe, but another bout of close weather and south winds brought back these pests temporarily, and has reduced what might have been a fairly heavy produce. In some instance sales have taken place already, but these have been very few and confined to the poorer cultivators in the Digri Mahal which is very distant from Mirpur. Prices have gone up to 10·8 but there can be no question that this will be far exceeded. Indeed unless at least 11·8 is fetched we doubt the wisdom of parting, and believe that the auctioneer will not accept less. In a year like the present when the quality shows no falling off we fully expect that the price which the Deputy Commissioner was able to get in the Liverpool market should be reached, if not exceeded. And so far from being discouraged we hear that the cultivators are more than ever determined to take up this staple, especially now that they can grow it after their own methods and not necessarily on the more expensive ridge method. We shall give an account as soon as details arrive, as to how the auctions have gone off, but meanwhile we wish them every success.

ARRIVAL OF THE R. I. M. S. "NORTHBROOK."

The Royal Indian Marine Steamer Northbrook, Captain G. A. Rose, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta which port she left on the 17th November. She brought No. 64 Coy. R. G. A. comprising Major J. W. G. Bryan, Lieut. F. B. Scott, Assist. Surgeon V. Gomes, I. S. M. D., Sergt. Major More, Mr. S. W. Jeffs, Mr. Thomas, 94 men, 6 women, 3 children, and 17 followers. The Captain reports that his vessel spoke the R. I. M. Steamer "Investigator" bound for Colombo.

When Ian Maclaren (Dr. John Watson) died, he left behind him the manuscript of a story "St. Jude's," which is to be published very shortly in Mr. Unwin's Colonial Library. It might be called "The Humours of a Free Kirk Presbytery." The characters are all intensely Scotch, varying from a Bank clerk who through a long life devoted himself to secret charity, to a Calvanistic inquisition. The book has much of the appreciative humour which is a phase of sympathy.

SPORTING NEWS.

POINT TO POINT RACES AT POONA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, NOVEMBER 25.

The Point to Point races organized by the Officers, Connaught Rangers, took place to-day over two miles of course punctuated by ten difficult jumps including a table jump. All Poona Society were present to accept the hospitality of Colonel Hume and Officers of the regiment who were "At Home" on the occasion and the sport was a complete success, not a single accident having occurred to interfere with its pleasant progress. Results:—

FIRST RACE.

For maiden horses, prize, a cup:—

Captain A Daire's Jim 12st 7lbs.....Owner 1
Mr C Smyth's Tim 12st 7lbs.....Owner 2
Mr T S Moir's Glouation 12st 7lbs.....Owner 3

Also ran.—Captain Bryant's Abyssinian (owner); Major Arnold's Ruby (owner); Mr Mowatt's Joey (owner); Mr Collum's Hooloo (owner); Mr Pursee's Ginger (owner).

Betting.—3 to 1 Jim and Tim, Abyssinian, Lad and Ruby, 4 to 1 the rest.

Won by six lengths. The rest came up in Indian file anyhow.

SECOND RACE.

Connaught Rangers' Regimental race; cup presented by Colonel A H Woods.

Major Lennox Conyngham's Kathleen 12st.....Owner 1
Captain Keogh's Nevermind 12st 5lbs..... Mr Fraser 2
Captain Thompson's Maguerite 11st.....Owner 3

Also ran.—Major Lenox Conyngham's Dozo Captain Comyn, 3.

Betting:—2 to 1 on Kathleen, 2 to 1 against Nevermind and Marguerite and 4 to 1 Dozo.

Won by about six lengths. Any distance between the rest.

THIRD RACE.

For maiden ponies 14·1 and under. Prize, a cup:—

Captain Tarbart's Arariminta 12st.....Owner 1
Captain Daire's Arabi 10st 10lbs.....Owner 2
Mr. Weaver's She Cat 10st 7lbs.....Owner 3

Also ran.—Mr Bryant's Archid (owner); Mr Harley's John Milton (owner); Mr Mowatt's Shaved Major (Arnold); Mr Johnsston's Kitty (owner).

AHMEDNAGAR HORSE SHOW.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, NOVEMBER 25.

The Ahmednagar Horse Show which was held from the 21st to the 23rd instant proved a very successful affair. The number of animals exhibited amounted to 626 many of them being brought from great distances. The exhibits were registered on the 21st and the parade took place the next day. The judging was done by Major Hunt, A. V. D. Mr. Lambert and Lieut. Gail, and the prize distribution took place on the open ground near the cotton market on Saturday evening when Mr. Orr the Collector, gave away the awards. There were 71 prizes in all. The silver medal for the best filly was gained by an animal owned by Dagadu Maliba of Pimpalner while the championship prize of (Rs. 150 for the best animalin the show want to Maruji Sakhram, a resident of Bambarda.

THE MELBOURNE CUP.

The race for the Melbourne Cup was run on November 5 and resulted as follows:—

Mr. R. L. Cleland's b h Apologue, 5 yrs 1
Mr. J. Samuel's b c Mooltan, 4 yrs..... 2
Mr. McDonald's ch c Mountain King, 3 yrs 3

THE RACE.

The race was set to start at 3-30. At 3-20 Mr. Godfred Watson rode along the straight. He had picked the bulk of the horses up before the post was reached. When he got there he stood on the ground for a few minutes. Punctually at 3-30 he mounted his stand, and at that moment he beckoned the riders to come up into line. A minute and a half after the appointed time for starting the Melbourne Cup had begun. The horses dropped into line, and almost before the press men had finished calling what was in the centre and what was on the outside, the sound of the electric bell told that the Melbourne Cup was being run. Spinaway stood in the centre of the course at the machine, and she jumped into her stride quicker than anything else. So fast did she begin that before they had reached the junction of the course proper she had established enough lead to enable Campbell to cross over on to the rails. She went past the stand hugging the rails, sweeping along with a nice swinging stride. Her trouble began, however as they made the turn to go out of the straight. Here, Campbell, instead of keeping the rails, dropped back two horses, and began to pull on the outside. Happily a boy of experience was on Mooltan, and he saved Spinaway from sweeping out too far, McLachlan calling out to him to pull in, and with his own horse enabling Spinaway to take up her old place. It is curious that Campbell more than once interfered with Mooltan. Once he got Spinaway's neck right under Mooltan's head. McLachlan afterwards said it was not done intentionally, and that he kept calling out to Campbell to pull in and keep out of his road. Running down the back Spinaway was lying about fourth, while Mooltan and Poseidon just behind were travelling side by side. Last of all was Tartan. Passing the bridge Welcome Trist ran out in front, and the three-year-old now led the field along. As they made the seven furlong post, where Spinaway got right back, a beaten mare, the sprinter Knox dashed to the front. In a trice he had set up a lead of six lengths, and early as it was many people began to acclaim the victory of the outsider. Melbourne Cups, however, are not won at that point. On down the bend came Knox, swinging his follower's along like a good horse, but those who were watching the race could see that Mooltan, Apologue, and Mountain King were all following in his wake, and now the severity of the pace was beginning to tell its tale. About three furlongs from home is the bend which leads into the straight—that long stretch of ground on which so many fortunes have been lost and won. The first face we saw come into the straight was that of Knox, but in a moment he had died out, and before they had got to the two furlongs post Mountain King on the rails, Apologue, on the out side and Mooltan in the centre appeared in line to fight out the end of the Melbourne Cup. The trio left the field as if they had been standing still, and out of the beaten bunch of horses came old Tartan. But he was too far back to bother the three in front. Mountain King, Mooltan, and Apologue came on stride for stride. Just for one moment below the distance it seemed possible that the long stride of Mountain King would win the day for him, but before the distance was reached he was beaten, and as far as I could make out the other pair came on until about 150 yards from the post. There they were dead level, and the issue for one instant hung in the balance. A second later you could see what would win. McLachlan took up his whip to Mooltan, and Evans drew his to Apologue. No one has ever seen a horse shake off another as Apologue shook off Mooltan. Both gallop low to the ground, but Apologue, when Evans made his final call on him, gave his head one shake, like a dog does when he comes out of the water, and then putting it down, he came on with the race won. Mooltan had made his effort, and then died away, but Apologue ran on to the end, and 80,000 people stood up in the stand and cried, "Apologue wins." They were right; he won by three-parts of a length. There was some cheering, and then the stillness was broken by the sound of a few screeches, and those who had time to look could see here and there in the densely-packed crowd a few elegantly-dressed women slip to the ground with a little shriek. The intensity of the moment had worked them to a high pitch of excitement, and that combined with the closeness of the atmosphere in such a packed mass of humanity had told its tale.

Apologue deserved his victory. He had equalled Blue Spec's time, 3 min. 27½ sec., and that is still a record for the Melbourne Cup. They said it was a fluke when Blue Spec made that time, but good horse that Apologue is, and nicely handicapped as he was, he still failed to reduce it. The win was a great victory for Isaac Earnshaw. Last year the Randwick trainer won the Caulfield Cup with Poseidon, and took the Melbourne Cup with the same horse. The other day Poseidon again took the Caulfield Cup, and to-day another horse in his stable captured the Melbourne Cup. To win four Cups in two seasons is a marvellous achievement, and one that no other trainer has been able to accomplish. It will probably be many years before we see it done again. Apologue is a New Zealand-owned horse, and his victory spells disaster to many of the ringmen. I am not saying that the ringmen will not receive a lot of money over the beaten horses. All the same, they will be called upon to pay out big sums to-morrow, as the double Poseidon and Apologue, was backed for a lot of money all over Australia. Perhaps the biggest winner is a New Zealander, who take £7,000 as the result of to-day's victory. Of course the stable threw in for a nice stake, and many other backers have won sums varying from £500 to £1,000.

The Melbourne Cup of 1907 will long be remembered because of its dramatic ending. Evans, who has rapidly come to the front as a horseman, was on Apologue, and, like McLachlan on the loser, rode a beautiful race. Just after he passed the post and was pulling the horse up it would seem that the strain had been too much for him, because as he turned the horse round to re-enter the weighing yard he fainted. The stewards saw what was the matter, and someone supported Evans while the horse was led back to scale. Then the jockey was lifted off the horse and placed in a prone position on the scale. It was an exciting moment, because any shortage of weight would, of course, have proved fatal. Although Evans was placed full length on the scal he drew weight, and a moment later the red flag went up, telling all the New Zealanders present, who had won the bulk of the money, that the weight was right.

They ran the opening four furlongs in 51 sec., the next four in 52 1/4 sec., the half-mile following in 52 1/2 sec., and the next four furlongs in 51 1/4 sec. So that it will be seen that the rate of travelling was remarkably smooth. The last five furlongs took 1 min. 3 sec., the final six furlongs 1 min. 16 1/4 sec, and the closing mile 1 min. 52 3/4 sec.

JOCKEY INTERVIEWED.

W. Evans, rider of Apologue, fainted as the horse got back to the scale. He was held on to the horse as he re-entered the yard, and was then helped off and weighed in. Evans was taken to the course hospital, and after being attended to there, he was sent home in a cab. When seen later in the evening Evans, who is a quiet, unassuming young man, remarked that after riding the horse on Saturday he felt confident of success. Apologue got away well, but going out of the straight there was some bumping, and his mount suffered. After that he had a clear passage until near the abattoirs, where three or four horses were in front of him, and he had to pull back and go around them. Once in the straight he got a clear run, and, to use Evans' own words, "I punched him from the bend, and from that point I felt confident of winning." There was not much left in any of them at the finish. The horse I was most afraid of was Welcome Trist, but the colt failed to run up to expectations."

APOLOGUE'S PEDIGREE.

Apologue is by Phœbus Apollo, from Miss Gladys (dam of Gladsome), by Cuirassier from Sybil by Leolinus from Atlantis (imp.) by Thormanby. Apologue's sire is an imported horse, by St. Simon (son of Galopin) from Polynesia, and is now doing stud duty in New Zealand.

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

Improved Method of Lighting.

A MEETING of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was held in the Municipal Council Hall yesterday afternoon, the Hon'ble Mr. Vithaldas Damodher Thackersey, the President, occupying the Chair.

The Corporation considered a letter from the Commissioner forwarding for the orders of the Corporation a copy of the Executive Engineer's proposal for introducing an improved method of lighting the main roads mentioned in Scheme No. III. The Commissioner stated that he approved of the proposal and that if it met with the approval of the Corporation the necessary provision of funds would be made.

The Executive Engineer in submitting the proposal said:—"I have the honour to state that the City Improvement Trust have had in hand for some time the construction of portions of the main road in Scheme No. III including the bridge and its approaches at Chowpatty, which is nearly completed. I think that time has now arrived to consider whether such a road as the above, and which will be 80 feet wide, should not be lighted with a better class of light than the present ordinary street lamps. I beg therefore to propose that the whole length of this road should be installed with high pressure or intensified gas lighting with suitable burners in place of the ordinary Municipal pattern. The Manager of the Gas Company on being asked to furnish an estimate of the cost of installing and maintaining the improved kind of lighting states that in the improved lighting the candle power of the lamp will be 250 as against the ordinary street lamps of 50, and that the proposed lamp though 5 times as powerful, consumes only double the quantity of gas that is required for the present pattern lamp. This is due to the very great light being obtained from the gas under pressure, practically an explosive mixture of gas and air being burnt. Further, that the Manager quotes Rs. 55 as the cost of each new kind of lamps, complete in every respect as against Rs. 39 the contract rate for installing one ordinary lamp at present used in the City. Thus the excess cost of installation will be Rs. 16 per lamp. But as the installation is to be provided by the City Improvement Trust the excess cost in respect of it need not be considered by the Municipality. The cost of maintenance is estimated at Rs. 150 per lamp as against Rs. 65, being an excess of Rs. 85 per lamp per annum over the ordinary lamp. The standard distance at which the present lamps are placed is 160 feet but as the proposed lamps will be considerably more powerful, I beg to suggest that they be placed at 210 ft. apart at which distance the effect of light at the centre between two lamps will be equal to a sperm candle being at a distance of 6 ½ ft. against the effect of the power of the existing lamp which is equal to a sperm candle at a distance of 14½ ft. which is a very considerable improvement in the illuminating power. As 25 lamps 210 ft. apart from each other will go in a mile, and as the length of the main road is about three miles, 75 of such lamps will be required to light the whole of it. The excess in cost of lighting these high power lamps over the cost of lighting the present pattern ones will therefore be (25 by 150)—(33 by 65)=Rs. 1,605 per mile. I am of opinion that the Municipality would be fully justified in incurring this extra expenditure to secure such an improved light for one of the best roads in the City. The Engineer, City Improvement Trust, to whom the matter was referred, informs me that his Board will have no objection to the arrangement of 25 lamps per mile and has desired me to get the question settled as early as possible. I have accordingly to request the favour of your obtaining the sanction of the Corporation to the introduction of the improved kind of lamps for the new road if you approve of the proposal."

Dr. Collie in moving that the letter be recorded proposed that the Corporation should sanction 30 lamps instead of 25 lamps per mile as proposed, and also the proportionate expenditure. He said that the present lighting arrangement was not satisfactory and that on the Queen's road one could hardly see a horse or bicycle in front of him.

Mr. Mandlik seconded the proposition which was agreed to.

Dr. Collie next moved the following proposition, of which he had given previous notice: "That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to draw the attention of the authorities concerned to the necessity of lighting Willoughby Road which runs between Queen's Road and Marine Lines."

The proposition was carried.

In accordance with a previous notice, Mr. Munmohandas Ramji proposed: "That the attention of the Commissioner be drawn to Princess Street being insufficiently lighted and he be requested to make such arrangements as to cause the street in question to be adequately lighted."

Mr. Munmohandas Ramji criticised the unsatisfactory condition of street-lighting in Bombay and particularly that of Princess Street which, he said, it was time was improved.

The motion was carried.

FLOODED CONDITION OF ROADS.

Dr. Collie, in accordance with a notice of motion, proposed: "That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to submit estimates of the probable cost of drains for efficiently carrying off the storm water at those points in Nepean Sea Road, Warden Road and Gowalia Tank Road where these roads are annually cut up or flooded during the monsoon."

Dr. Jehangier J. Cursetji seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

The Corporation then adjourned to Thursday next.

"LADY ANNE," a new novel by Morley Roberts is appearing in Unwin's Colonial Library. Lady Anne is the widow of a great Colonial administrator, whose personality overshadows the story. The book has both strength and sublety.

THE Earl of Ronaldshay's marriage to Miss Cicely Archdale will take place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, at 2 p. m., on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The reception will be held at the residence of the Hon. Mr. Harry Lawson, the bride's aunt, 37 Grosvenor Square.

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OUR SERIAL STORY.

SCARLET TOWN,

BY

ALICE AND CLAUDE ASKEW

Authors of "The Shulamite," "Anna of the Plains," "The Premier's Daughter," "Eve and the Law," "Jennifer Pontefract," &c., &c.

CHAPTER XXIV.

It was Roger Enderby, made acquainted in a few breathless words with Ruth's immediate danger, who undertook the organisation of the rescue party. It was lucky that Mary Paradyne knew Ruth's proposed destination that afternoon. The girl had promised to visit old Weston at four o'clock, and it was now half-past three. The probability was—almost a certainty to Roger Enderby's mind, remembering what he had been told by Jack Weston—that it was there, in the court where the old man lived, that Joey proposed to carry out his murderous attack. Could they reach Cartwright Yard in time? Half an hour from the Mile End Road to the purlieus of Soho! Was the task a possible one? Luckily the cab was at the door, but was it not more than could be expected of an already jaded horse?

Hal Cope, of whose eagerness to undo the evil that he had caused, not even Roger Enderby could be in doubt, had a suggestion to make. "I have a bicycle," he muttered, "and I'm accustomed to ride fast through traffic. Let me go." There was appeal in his voice. Sir Roger turned upon him sharply. There was no time for useless words. "Can we trust you?" he asked.

"Yes, before God, you may," was the fervent reply, and Roger believed that the man meant what he said. "Go," he said simply, "you may be of greater use than either of us. The chance is a desperate one."

A few quick movements of direction from Mary Paradyne, and Hal Cope sped from the room. He had mounted his bicycle and was off at the same time that Mary Paradyne and Sir Roger took their seats in the hansom, telling the man to drive to Soho as though for his very life, and promising him a fitting reward.

Hal Cope rode his bicycle as he had never ridden it before. He was met with protest both from police and public but he paid no heed to them. Not once did he dismount till he came to the narrow street of Soho, close to the vicinity of Cartwright Yard and then heavy traffic compelled him to spring to the ground.

It wanted a few minutes to four. Was he in time to save the girl whom he had so cruelly committed to her death? He had had no time for remorse or for thought; he had simply gone blindly forward. Ruth must be rescued; after that let come what might.

Suddenly in a narrow street before him he caught sight of Ruth. She was walking with a man who was a stranger to him, and at first he doubted if it could be she. Nevertheless he pressed on eagerly, and then a great dray in front of him barred his passage. When the road was again clear Ruth—for now he had no doubt of her identity—and her companion had disappeared. He stood in the road gazing vacantly about him, mouthing oaths under his breath. A moment ago he had told himself that all was well, that he was in time, but now where was Ruth? And who was this strange man, this ill-clad ruffian, whom he had seen at her side?

There was no side street up which she could have turned, but close beside him the door of a mean ill-omened looking house stood open. Might it not be that they had entered here? Acting upon the impulse of a moment, Hal Cope left his bicycle by the kerb and rushed blindly in. Very little time had been lost, and if he were right in his surmise—

He heard voices on the stairs above him. "It's this way, miss—up another flight of stairs. The old woman's mighty bad, but she did want ter see yer and thank yer for what yer've done fer them brats of hers."

In a flash Hal Cope understood. It was upon this pretext that Ruth had been inveigled into the house; she was being led upstairs to meet—what?

On he sped in pursuit, the broken stairs creaking under his heavy tread. It was to the top of the house that the man was taking the girl, and it was upon the last landing that Hal Cope overtook them. With a shout he threw himself forward and thrust the stranger, taken utterly by surprise, away from Ruth's side.

"Run, Ruth, for your life's sake, run," he cried, as the man, a big burly fellow, turned savagely upon him. Ruth stood for a moment transfixed in sudden terror, for this attack had been so unexpected; she had never dreamed of danger. She had, as she thought, but been doing a kindness to an old woman—old Mrs. Champion, whose children she had often befriended. But she recognised Hal Cope as she saw him now in the grip of the man who had led her to this house. And at that moment a door close besides her was opened and upon the threshold appeared a small wizened figure, with evil face that she knew too well. It was Joey, who had been lying in wait for her, and screaming now, as she realised this, overcome with terror, too, at the sight of the struggling men rolling over and over upon the ground, dimly conscious of a long gleaming blade in the hand of one—she could not say which—she sped swiftly down the stairs.

"Help—help." Her scream rang down the street, and, though it was no unusual cry in the neighbourhood of Cartwright Yard, it arrested the steps of the passers-by, and brought men and women to the windows of the adjacent houses.

At that moment, too, a cab dashed up, and was suddenly brought to a halt, so sudden that the horse was almost thrown upon his haunches. Roger Enderby had heard the commotion in the street, and had realised that it was here that he must halt.

The police had come up and had already entered the house. Ruth, half fainting, was surrounded by a little crowd, kindly enough disposed, but intent on gratifying their curiosity. They made way, however, as Sir Roger Enderby thrust them aside. Ruth staggered forward, and the next moment she was clasped in the arms of the man she loved.

"Thank God, thank God, we are not too late!" It was the very soul of the man that breathed the thanksgiving.

CHAPTER XXV.

A few days after the escape of Ruth a peculiar scene was enacted in the dingy little city house hidden away in a corner of Great St. Helens. Vanna Neal, in obedience to a somewhat peremptory summons from the financier, had come to Montague Morrison's office, determined to assert herself and let him know once and for all that the engagement between them, which he fancied existed, was a vain thing of his own imagining. She had never felt the smallest scruple over deceiving him, confident still of his complete subservience and of her power to sway him as she chose.

But on this occasion, to her utter astonishment, she had found Montague Morrison a different person altogether from her cringing vassal of old. She had deceived him, she had promised to be his wife and had never had the smallest idea of keeping her promise. All this he knew, for, thanks to the intervention of Alwyn, the engagement of Mrs. Neal to Sir Roger Enderby had been published broadcast in London.

Montague Morrison, slow to anger as he was, had yet been stirred to the depths of his being. Vanna Neal had made him a promise—it was as good as a business contract—and Morrison was not accustomed to permit his contracts to be broken. He had never yet failed to win anything that he had set his mind upon, and he was determined, now as much as ever, that even though it might be against her will, Vanna Neal should be his wife.

It was to tell her this that he had sent for her, and the arguments that he was able to bring forward were certainly potent.

Briefly, if Vanna refused to break off immediately with Roger Enderby, Montague Morrison would see that she was arrested on a very definite charge. He had proof positive in his possession that "Saucy Sue" had been pulled at that year's Oaks, and that it was Mrs. Neal who had induced the jockey to commit this offence. Furthermore, there were certain little matters financial in which Mrs. Neal had been concerned which were quite sufficient if divulged, to land the society leader in the dock. It was a matter of prison for Vanna if he wished to put her there, not a mere offence to society from which she could escape by flight from the country.

Vanna scolded, threatened, pleaded—all in vain; the man was obdurate. It was to be prison—and if prison, then, what chance would she still have of being Roger Enderby's wife!—or marriage with Montague Morrison, vast wealth and the opportunity of queening it once more in some other country, for Morrison was quite ready to leave England and establish himself in one of the Colonies.

And so Vanna made her choice. "I hate you—I loathe you!" she sobbed. "And you will regret that you ever forced me to this!"

Morrison replied that he did not care, even though she hated him. He had made up his mind that she should be his wife—and his wife she should be. "Sit down now," he commanded—it was the first time he had ever commanded her to do a thing—"and write a letter at once to Sir Roger Enderby breaking off your engagement. You shall write it at my dictation."

She sat down quivering with rage, and with real tears falling from her eyes. His hands behind his back, he walked up and down the room dictating the letter as he might have done to his clerk. It was a purely formal and business note—a note the wording of which could not fail to puzzle the recipient considerably. But at least it was straight and to the point—Vanna renounced all claims to the hand of Sir Roger Enderby. "Now," said the man, as he turned away, "if you want to add a few words on your own account you may; but look sharp about it, for I'm going to see this letter posted myself."

And Vanna tried to write, but the paper was blurred before her, and her pen would not form the words that she wished to say.

"I am the most unhappy woman upon earth, Roger," this she wrote, "for I love you, and I have never loved anyone in the world but you, but I cannot help myself. Fate is stronger than I. You may believe that all I have written is true. Don't try to see me again—perhaps you will not wish to. I am leaving London at once, and no one must know what has become of me. Good-bye, Roger, may you be happy—though that is a word I can never know again."

She could write no more—scalding tears blinded her eyes, and she laid her head down upon her arms extended on the desk. It was Montague Morrison who took the letter, sealed it down, stamped it, and leaving the office for a moment, handed it to one of his clerks to put in the post.

That night, in his flat at Victoria Street, Roger Enderby received Vanna's epistle, and his surprise both at the letter and at the form of it, was beyond all bounds. He was dressing to go out to some society function, at which he had every hope of meeting Ruth—Ruth completely recovered by now from the fright of her adventure in Soho, which, indeed, had not been without its tragic ending.

For Hal Cope had met his death in his desperate effort to save Ruth. Joey's confederate had stabbed him to the heart with that long knife, the glitter of which Ruth herself had seen. He had lived but for a short half hour, long enough to explain his movements upon that fatal afternoon, to see his assailant and the boy Joey in custody, and last, but most comforting of

BY THE WAY.

THE "BALTIC."

In the name of the Baltic Exchange, which has narrowly escaped destruction by fire, there still lingers the tradition of that curious British trait of combining business with eating and drinking which has obtained from time immemorial. It preserves the memory of the "Baltic" Coffee-house, where Russian merchants were wont to congregate, just as the more famous "Lloyd's Coffee-house" was the favourite resort of sea-captains and shipowners. Rather inappositely, the term "coffee-housers" is used by a certain quaint old M.F.H. to reproach those loud talkers who hinder the serious business of hounds at the covert-side by the chatter of irresponsible frivolity. Originally the "Baltic" stood in Threadneedle-street, but not long ago the Exchange was removed to the present palatial buildings in St. Mary-axe.

A PEER AND HIS PATENT.

The recent unfortunate accident to Lord Glerawly at Cambridge has drawn attention to the fact that, after it is once issued, the patent for the creation of a new peerage cannot be altered; otherwise his lordship would be Lord Glenawley, as Glerawly was written by a clerk in mistake for this word. Another interesting case of a similar nature is that of Charles Pawlet, afterwards third Duke of Bolton, who died in 1754. In 1717, while his father, the second Duke, was still alive, Pawlet was made a peer as Lord Pawlet of Basing; although the intention of the King and his advisers was to summon him to the House of Lords under one of his father's junior titles—that of Baron St. John of Basing. However, the writ of summons had been made out to Lord Pawlet of Basing, and Pawlet bore this title until he became Duke of Bolton in 1722.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RESIDENTS.

Few people realise what a population a University under modern conditions represents. At the present time there are in residence at Cambridge no fewer than 4,189 members of the University. Of these, 3,514 are persons "in statu pupillari," the number being made up of 360 Bachelors of Arts and 3,154 undergraduates, of whom 20 are advanced or research students. The graduates of higher standing than B.A.—that is, M.A.'s, Doctors, Bachelors of Divinity, &c.,—number 675, a very large proportion of whom are married and live outside college. Add to these college and private servants, clerks, and other employees, and it will be seen that the University forms a community of very respectable proportions.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

The new weights and measures regulations, drawn up by a Departmental Committee under the Act of 1904 which came into force last month, though legalising glass and porcelain weights already in use, provide that all new weights must be made of metal and be flat, bar, bell, or cylindrical shaped. Weighing machines must be indelibly marked with their maker's name and the maximum load, and no new beam-scales of 7 lb. capacity or under will be allowed with swan-neck ends. An inspector must visit every trader once a year, but must produce his warrant to inspect under the signature of a justice of the peace.

AN INVARIABLE AND EASILY RE-DETERMINED STANDARD.

Theoretically all our weights and measures, as well as those of the metric system, are referable to natural standards, but the accurate measurement of and reference to these natural standards, are no easy matters, and in practice artificial standards are used. If these artificial standards, however, were destroyed it would be very difficult to replace them, and it is interesting to note, therefore, that the International Solar Union has adopted a natural standard of length which is not only unalterable, but which can at any time be made available for comparison purposes. This standard is the length of the waves which produce the light of red cadmium—the ten-thousand-millionth part of a metre!—and under the name of an "Angstrom" it is now the unit used by solar physicists.

"SILVER JUBILEE" OF FATHER SUCKLING.

The Rev. R. A. J. Suckling, whose twenty-fifth anniversary as vicar of St. Alban's, Holborn, is being commemorated by his parishioners, would have been described by Bishop Wilberforce as a "Squarson." He is at once the parson of a London slum parish and a squire of Suffolk, where he is a large landowner and lord of the manor at Barsham and Shipmeadow. He came to St. Alban's by a clever exchange of livings with Mackonochie—who was being "deprived"—which was suggested, not by the present Primate as popularly believed, but by Father Stanton. Scientists will ascribe to "heredity" the fact that Mr. Suckling has steered St. Alban's successfully over very tempestuous seas, for he is a lineal descendant of Captain Suckling, the maternal uncle with whom Nelson sailed his first voyage.

"UNSUSPECTED POISONS."

Mr. T. C. Bridges, in the November "Grand Magazine," directs attention to a number of unsuspected poisons. Christmas is approaching, and it may be pointed out that arsenic is still employed in the colouring of children's toys, of lamp-shades, green-backed playing cards, and many similar articles. Those little bright green candles which are used to decorate Christmas-trees are sometimes coloured with arsenic. Some years ago a children's Christmas Party in Cheshire resulted in nearly all those present being seized with symptoms of mineral poisoning, and examination by the county analyst showed that the green candles on the tree were so strongly impregnated with arsenical green that every eight contained one grain of arsenical, anhydrite. The red candles used were coloured with vermilion, so the atmosphere of the crowded room must have simply reeked with arsenical and mercurial fumes. These candles were not of English manufacture.

THE POSTAGE STAMP.

Some few months ago the "Lancet" warned its readers against licking the threepenny stamp. The yellow colouring is due to a poisonous salt, chromate of lead, and fourteen stamps contain a fatal dose—namely, one fifth of a grain. While it does not seem the proper thing to use poisonous colouring matter for stamps, surely no one would be likely to make a meal of fourteen threepenny ones! The is much more danger in old stamps than in new ones, not from poison, but from disease germs. Children should be strongly warned against moistening second-hand stamps in their mouths. Consumption is certainly disseminated by this practice.

POISONOUS PLANTS.

A large number of plants which are usually looked upon as harmless possess poisonous properties. Those who are employed in picking daffodils and narcissus frequently suffer severely from a troublesome skin affection known as "daffodil poisoning." The most trying feature of this ailment are the small gatherings which form under the finger-nails. It is said that minute crystals of lime exist in large numbers in the juice of the stems of the pretty blooms, and that these are responsible for the poisoning. Regular daffodil-pickers are accustomed to rub their hands with oil and work tallow in underneath their finger-nails before beginning their work. The bulbs of the white Roman hyacinth have similar unpleasant properties.

A RECOLLECTION OF MACAULAY.

An "old and notable bookseller," who had a shop in Featherstone-buildings, off Holborn, tells in the November "Pall Mall Magazine" of visits paid to him by Macaulay: I was unpacking some cases of books one morning that I had bought at Beverley and because there was no better place available, I was unpacking them in the road-way. Up came a grave and pleasant gentleman, very well set up and neatly dressed, who stopped and looked on as if he were fully at home in that kind of neighbourhood and also with the kind of job I was engaged on. It was a long time afterwards that I heard he was Lord Macaulay and the customer who told me became Lord Justice Fry. "May I look at these books?" the stranger asked. I said "Certainly," and went and got a chair for him; but I was in so small a way then that I had to borrow it. He sat down and went through the lot, quickly but thoroughly, and made a big selection of historical tracts of the period just after the Civil War. He asked what he was to pay, and I said a shilling apiece. He seemed astonished and I was prepared to hear him grumble, when he said, "I am very pleased to have come across them, and to find you are so reasonable in your terms." He came again and again, and each time took several pounds, worth away with him, carrying them himself."

THE PROFESSOR'S FIRST FORECASTS.

It was in 1888, at the Vienna Jubilee Exhibition, that public attention was first drawn to the wonders of the weather-plant. Professor Nowack gave forecasts which astonished everybody in Vienna. The King (then Prince of Wales), who was in Vienna at the time, took a great interest in the plant, because the Professor was able to predict to the very hour that a violent thunderstorm would wreck one of the garden-parties given by his Royal Highness—a catastrophe that duly occurred. The Prince sent for the weather-prophet, listened with the greatest interest to his explanations, remarked "Good! That is what we want in England," and invited the discoverer to visit this country. It is probably due to the interest that King Edward took in the new system of weather forecasting that has induced Professor Nowack to open a station in London. The future of the experiments here will be watched with keen interest.

THE TWO SERVICES.

The Fleet exercises terminated on October 26 with the return of the greater portion of ships to Queensferry. The Atlantic Fleet proceeding to Portland, and the Nore Division of the Home Fleet to Sheerness. We notice an expectation in certain quarters for some kind of official announcement as to the result of the exercises, or such part of them as was strategical. It would be entirely unprecedented if any announcement of the kind were made, and somewhat difficult, we expect, to make it. These exercises, like those that were held earlier in the year by Sir Arthur Wilson, are rather in the nature of an inspection by the Commander-in-Chief of the efficiency of the weapon entrusted to him for the defence of our shores. He tries that weapon and its component parts in various ways, and at the same time imparts a great deal of useful instruction. The great difference between these exercises and others of a similar nature lies in the locality chosen for carrying them out, and in time of the year. From such reports as have appeared in various papers, and which go to show that absolute secrecy is very difficult to maintain, it is clear that in principle the exercises of October were very like those of February. But whereas those off the coast of Portugal were favoured by fine weather, these have been held in just such circumstances as might be expected at this time of the year in the waters off the north-east coast of Scotland. We can fancy that it must have been far from pleasant, especially for the destroyers; but this circumstance could only tend to make the conditions approximate more closely to those of possible warfare, and it is a satisfactory proof of the high standard of seamanship which rules in the Fleet that no serious mishaps occurred.

A THOROUGH COURSE.

The course of training through which Lord Charles Beresford put the forces under his command was characteristically thorough, and particularly directed, as far as one can see, to impressing upon all those under him the essential necessity of remembering that war makes no distinction between day and night. The old system of preparing for a night action has been rendered obsolete by modern methods and weapons, and in its place a new system has come into being, which has now been regulated by Lord Charles, and designated "war routine." We find on looking over an old watch and quarter bill that the term is not a modern one by any means, but it has a different meaning now in the matter of detail though not in principle. It is stated that after dark every ship is put into a thorough state of defence against attacks by torpedo craft during the night, the guns and searchlights being manned by watches until daylight. In the old-fashioned manœuvres this was always done under the late Sir George Tryon and doubtless other admirals of the 'eighties, but it did not always prevent the ships from being torpedoed. However, it is now done more systematically, and the organisation of the control of guns is more complete. What is certain, too, is that these precautionary measures, as tested by experience, will improve as time goes on, and their requirements will be satisfied in no perfunctory manner even if they lead to alteration in armament and its method of disposition. The rigorous weather conditions which prevailed do not appear to have interfered at all with the exercises, except on one occasion, when a thick fog and rain prevented the conclusion of some tactical manœuvres in which Rear-Admirals Sir Percy Scott and Frank Finnis were engaged. No complete return of the casualties to the destroyers is yet to hand, but their officers and men must have had a most uncomfortable time. Generally, the operations tend to confirm the belief that the danger from these vessels is not so great as some authorities have estimated, and they do not appear to have seriously interfered with the movements of the battle fleets.

THE LAST OF THE OLD HULKS.

The paying off of the "Cambridge" and the transference of the School of Gunnery to the Royal Naval Barracks at Devonport removes the last of the old hulks which have been used for this purpose. There must always be a certain amount of regret as these relics of the old Navy disappear, yet at the same time all must recognise the necessity for the change. We do not believe that a mere craze for economy has been the reason for the transference of the Gunnery School from the "Cambridge" and from the Sheerness Barracks to Devonport and Chatham, although unquestionably economy will result. The cause should rather be looked for in the modern development which tends to make less distinct the gunnery qualification from other educational requirements of the bluejacket. The time has come, indeed, when every seaman must have a larger gunnery training, and the barracks must be as much gunnery schools as they are schools for any other branch of the seaman's education. As soon as this fact was recognised it became unnecessary to duplicate the establishments at Chatham and the Western port. On the other hand, Whale Island remains what it has always been, a training establishment for the higher ratings and the principal school of instruction for the officers. Practically, it is now recognised that a knowledge of gunnery has become as essential to the seaman as sailoring was in times past, and at the barracks at the three ports the training for men qualifying for the lower gunnery ratings can be carried out much more completely than in any hulk, while there also re-qualification in all but the highest branches can go on as a matter of course. When it is remembered what has been done at the Marine Barracks, and especially at Eastney, in the way of turning out first-class gunnery men it will be manifest that nothing should prevent similar results being obtained in the Naval Barracks. It should not be forgotten also that for practical teaching there are attached to these shore establishments a number of vessels, from battleships to destroyers, for the purpose of giving gunnery training afloat under conditions similar to those of ships at sea.

A SUCCESSFUL NELSON PLAY.

On the night of Trafalgar Day the management of the Haymarket Theatre appropriately produced the new one act play, by Mr. Frederick Fenn, entitled "The Nelson Touch," which has since been very generally commended by the London critics. Most modern plays in which Lord Nelson has been made to figure have deservedly failed to please the public, for the British public, herein reflecting the taste of the Navy will not brook that the domestic life of the hero should be exploited for stage purposes. The failure of "Nelson's Enchantress" a few years ago was a striking case in point. Mr. Fenn's depiction of Lord Nelson is in good taste, and he strikes the patriotic note besides. His idea of the "Nelson Touch" is the personal magnetism of the great sailor, so strong in this instance as to induce a deserter from the "Medusa" to return to his duty, without other pressure than Lord Nelson's kind exhortation. This closing incident is highly dramatic and effective. Without insisting pedantically upon historical accuracy (and Mr. Fenn has a fair working knowledge of the period) there are one or two points in the speeches put into the mouth of the deserter, Sam'l Denyer, to which he will permit a Service journal to take exception. The man had been "pressed" three years previously, and had served in the "Elephant" under Nelson himself. Denyer's comments upon the great Admiral are, on the whole, appreciative, but he speaks of having been flogged for being the last man off the topsail yard, and of other harsh treatment which will mislead most players; for it is implied that harsh treatment prevailed even on board Nelson's flagships, and this, as Mr Fenn should remember, was not so. We may point out to the capable dramatist that this error actually weakens the play. A deserter who was suffering under a sense of intense wrong, or even grievance, would not so easily have fallen under the spell of the "Nelson Touch." We feel confident that this excellent little play will become one of the stock pieces of the stage, and therefore it is the more desirable that Mr. Fenn should make the alteration we venture to suggest to him. It is quite possible that Denyer meant to speak but generally of the harsh customs of the Service, but, if so, this should be made quite clear. No reflections upon the humane conduct of the great Admiral are likely to have been made by any seaman of his day. We repeat, however, that the play is extremely pleasing in all other respects, except, indeed, that the "make up" of Mr. Cecil Yapp might be improved. Here, very likely, a capable actor has been perplexed by the conflicting portraits of Lord Nelson. We noted with pleasure the general accuracy of the uniforms and of the dress of the deserter.

THE NEW ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF.

Some significance is attached in naval engineering circles to the delay which occurred in announcing the successor of Engineer Vice-Admiral Sir A. J. Durston as Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet. The position became vacant on October 25, on the expiration of Sir Albert Durston's twelve months' extension in the appointment, but it was not until the 28th that the Admiralty notified the appointment of Engineer Rear-Admiral St. J. Oram, and his promotion to vice rank. As a rule appointments in high rank are officially announced some time before they become due, the latest instance of this course of procedure being the notification by the Admiralty on Tuesday last of the officers who are to command the three reserve divisions of the Home Fleet. Two of these vacancies do not occur until early in the new year, and yet the names of the successors of the present Rear-Admirals commanding has been announced. The fact that the status of the Engineer Officer is bound to be affected by the new scheme of training which is now matpring, may have been in some measure responsible for the delay in announcing Sir Albert Durston's successor; but rumour, rightly or wrongly, connects it with other causes more closely connected with the personnel of the engineering department. It is difficult, however, to conceive of the choice of a more suitable officer for this responsible position than Engineer Vice-Admiral Oram,

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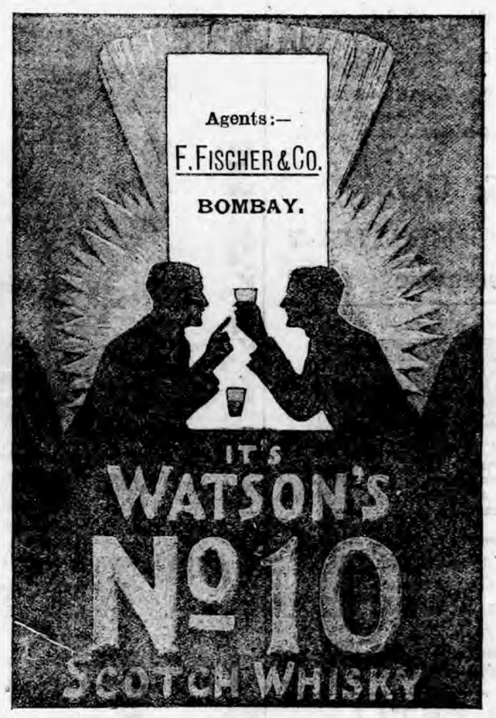

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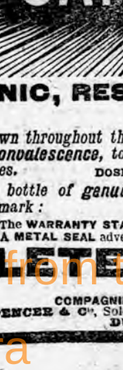

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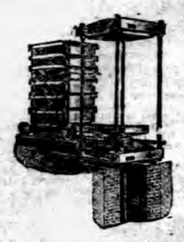
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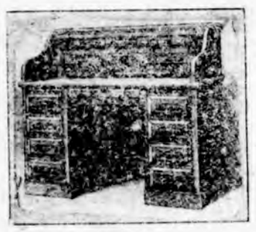

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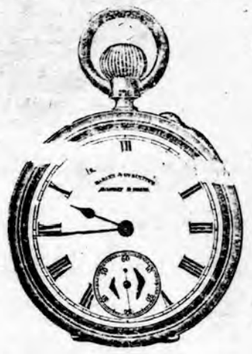

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